

“DRESS FOR SUCCESS” ATTIRE PLAN

A student’s dress and appearance should not cause disruption, distract from the educational process, or create a health or safety concern for themselves or others. Faculty, parents, and students alike feel that students should take pride in their grooming and general appearance by selecting appropriate dress for school.

Clothing which affords modesty and good taste in pursuit of learning is encouraged. Students’ dress and appearance should fall within the limits of cleanliness, good grooming, and proper taste. Several items of clothing currently in fashion have their place in the area of recreation, but are out of place in the classroom.

THE REQUIRED SCHOOL ATTIRE FOR ALL STUDENTS AT HARDEE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Shirt Requirements:

1. Shirts may be worn out over the waistline or tucked in. Shirt size shall not be more than “1” size larger or smaller than the student’s measured size.
2. The following shirts are the only allowable shirts to be worn by Students at Hardee Senior High School:
 - a. Hardee Senior High spirit t-shirts (short- or long-sleeved) and any solid colored plain t-shirts. No other writing on t-shirts will be allowed. V-neck t-shirts and “Tall” tees are not allowed.
 - b. Hardee Senior High athletic or club t-shirts
 - c. Polo shirts (sleeveless, short- or long-sleeved maximum of 4 buttons) in any color. Fourth button must be fastened. Girls may wear polo shirts with cap sleeves. Polo shirts may have designer logos, or emblems (Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, Nautica etc).
 - d. Button-up dress shirts are allowed with no more than the top 2 buttons unbuttoned. The 2 inch rule from # 4 below regarding dresses will apply.

Pants/Shorts/Skirt Requirements:

1. Pants must be fastened and worn at the natural waistline for boys and at the hips for girls. Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts waist size shall not be more than “1” size larger than the student’s measured size. Pants, slacks, and shorts cannot be baggy/oversize fit. They should be no longer in length than the heels of the shoes.
2. Skirts, shorts, and skorts shall be no shorter than two inches above the knee, with no slits.
3. Pants, shorts, skorts, and skirts must be free from rips and tears. Pajama bottoms of any kind cannot be worn to school.
4. Dresses may be worn but must adhere to shirt/skirt and top requirements. Necklines of dresses must be no lower than two inches from the inner aspect of the collar bone (below the neck). V-Neck, spaghetti, strapless or tank top dresses are prohibited.

Other “Dress for Success” Requirements:

1. Shoes shall be worn at all times.
2. Students should not wear any clothing, jewelry, buttons, or any other items with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, patches or graphics which use indecent, swear, or suggestive words or are drug/alcohol or gang related.

3. Sunglasses, hats, caps or other head coverings are not to be worn in the buildings. Hats must be school related (HHS or college) or plain without graphics or text.
4. Extremes in dress or grooming that cause undue attention or cause disruptive influences are not allowed. Body/facial piercing (other than ears) are other examples of extreme dress and grooming and are not allowed.
5. Students must wear their ID card on the front of the body above the waist at ALL times during school hours.
6. Undergarments are not to be shown.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL:

- Bandanas of any color or style, visors, shower caps
- Tank tops
- Hair rollers
- Hoodies
- Chain wallets, dog collars, spiked wrist bands, or neck bands
- Unbuckled belts, overalls, or suspenders
- Sweatpants (or other pants) with words screen-printed, sewn, or embroidered on the seat of the pants
- Pajamas or sleepwear
- Leggings of any kind are not allowed
- Bicycling, stretch or spandex pants or shorts
- Excessively short or tight clothing
- Bedroom slippers, heelys or skate shoes
- Bare feet
- Gang related items of any kind

We ask the cooperation of parents with our “Dress for Success” attire plan. It is our desire to create an environment that will serve the best interests of all students at the school.

Beginning with the first day of the school year, every student will be expected to comply with the HHS “Dress for Success” attire plan. No exceptions to the plan will be made for any student except for religious reasons. The parent must file a formal written request for exemption with the principal and provide documentation to support the request for exemption for religious reasons. Students entering later in the school year will have a one-week grace period for purchasing “Dress for Success” attire.

If necessary, disciplinary action will be taken to encourage compliance with the “Dress for Success” attire plan. Hardee Senior High will strive to achieve full compliance. We will resort to disciplinary action only when positive measures fail to ensure compliance. Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student, parents will be contacted to solicit their cooperation and support of the “Dress for Success” attire plan. Disciplinary action will be initiated only after all means to secure support and cooperation have not succeeded. A progressive discipline approach, as indicated by the district and school comprehensive discipline plans, will be employed to encourage consistent compliance with the “Dress for Success” attire plan.

NOTE: The administration reserves the right to determine what inappropriate dress is. Students who are inappropriately dressed for school must change into appropriate clothing. Parent/guardian may be called and asked to bring to school appropriate clothing or take the student home to change. Time missed from class to get appropriate clothing will be unexcused.