

## Student Dress Code

1. The administrative staff of HCHS will determine (in regards to appropriate dress, personal appearance and grooming) if the dress or appearance causes a disruption to the HCHS school setting.
2. The staff may contact a parent/guardians and may send the student home to correct the violation if the violation cannot be corrected at school.
3. The student will be allowed to return to school (class) as soon as the correction is made.
4. Parents/guardians may use parent notes to excuse the time missed.
5. Detention will also be assigned.

### Guidelines:

the following constitute the guidelines for acceptable dress at Harrison County High School:

- the hemline of shorts, skirts, or dresses MUST be fingertip length
- the hemline of shirts, or any other type of top, worn over leggings, jeggings or yoga pants must cover the crotch and buttocks-even when arms are raised
- students are highly encouraged to wear a type of 'bike short' under skirts or dresses
- holes in jeans must be BELOW fingertip length; if not they must have a patch or other covering (post it notes/tape/any other temporary patch is not acceptable)
- sagging pants are not permitted and undergarments must not be visible; pants must be secured at the natural waist, covering the buttocks completely
- no caps, hats, or head coverings (including scarves) are to be worn in the building; hats, etc may be confiscated
- sunglasses may not be worn in the building
- hoodies are permitted, but student may not wear the hood on their head at any time while in the building; the privilege of wearing a hoodie may be revoked if the student continues to wear the hood on their head
- overalls must not be unfastened and hanging at the waist
- garments will cover the waist, shoulders, back, torso and chest in all situations
- sleeveless shirts must cover the width of the shoulders (4 finger test)
- any panel on a shirt or dress that is open, sheer, lace or see through cannot be worn unless the item underneath is dress code compliant

### Not permitted

the following items are not permitted at HCHS:

- skirts, dresses, shorts that are not fingertip length
- tank tops/ muscle shirts/fishnet tops
- low cut blouses/tops revealing any cleavage
- crop tops; shirts that allow the midriff to be seen...regardless of the student position (i.e. arms raised above head to qualify)
- dog collars/chains (i.e. billfold chains)
- clothing or accessories containing obscene, lewd, offensive or suggestive language, messages, inappropriate language, sexual content, suggestive lettering or graphics, advocating/glorifying death and/or violence
- clothing that reflects/intends/causes disruption in a racial manner (as determined by the administrative staff)
- wearing/displaying gang related items (i.e. headbands, armbands, bandanas, tattoos, etc.)
- clothing that advertises alcohol, drugs or tobacco products
- house shoes
- pajamas
- strapless/backless shirts, tops or dresses
- large purses/bags; clutches are permitted (size of pencil bag)
- trench coats

The principal and assistant principals retain discretionary powers as to what constitutes acceptable, modest appearance within the above guidelines and whether a student's appearance will potentially cause a classroom disturbance. Upon that evaluation, the principal, assistant principals, or security officer may remove the student from the classroom to solve the disruption.

## **BACKPACKS, PURSES AND BOOK BAGS**

For the safety and well-being of our students and staff, students will not be permitted to carry backpacks, bags (purses) during the school day. Students are permitted to use book bags (purses)/backpacks to carry books and supplies **to and from school, but are not permitted to carry them between classes.**

Upon arrival to school, book bags(purses)/backpacks are to be placed in students' lockers after students are dismissed from the gym/cafeteria. Book bags(purses)/backpacks are not permitted in classrooms. No backpacks of any type are to be used to transport clothing to and from the gymnasium. This includes the string type version. Athletes will need to make arrangements with their respective coach in regards to where they may store their sports bags.

This policy is in response to the following concerns: the weight students carry on their backs and safer hallways and classrooms.