

# Hidden Oaks Middle School

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**While the 23-24 dress code is pending final approval by the School Board, please use this information as a guide when making clothing choices with your middle school student.**

## 5511 - STUDENT DRESS CODE

### A. Right

The School Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The School Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, however, the standards of appearance for students shall ensure that the student be clean, neat, and properly dressed. They shall observe modes of dress and standards of personal grooming which are in conformity with the studious atmosphere and good personal hygiene necessary in schools. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the principal to see that the dress or appearance of no student shall be extreme to the point of creating a disturbance or is hazardous to oneself, others, or school property. The dress code shall be incorporated into the Student Code of Conduct.

### B. Responsibility

Students have the responsibility to dress neatly, be clean, and well groomed, and avoid dressing in a manner that offends or distracts others.

### C. Procedures

1. Clothing that exposes the torso is not allowed. Clothing that displays/exposes cleavage is not allowed. The following examples include but are not limited to what is considered unacceptable: tube tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps and halters, bare back or midriff clothing, skin-tight clothing, see-through clothing, bathing suits (except with permission for specified events). **Leggings and skinny jeans are permitted when paired with a looser top extending to a minimum of the hip bone.**
2. **Skirts, skorts, and dresses may be no shorter than two (2) inches above the top of the knee. Shorts must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee or cover the entire buttocks.**
3. Appropriate undergarments must be worn but shall not be exposed, i.e., boxer shorts, underwear, bras. Pajamas shall not be worn to school. Sports bras are considered undergarments.
4. Students must wear shoes at all times. Slippers or shoes with containers, cleats, wheels, or tap shoes are prohibited. Athletic shoes may be required for physical education classes. Shoes with laces and/or straps must be secured at all times.

For safety reasons, elementary students may not wear sandals or open toe shoes. Elementary and middle school students are not permitted to wear flip flops or shoes without a back. Middle school students may wear open toe shoes with a back strap.

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5. Headgear (with the exception of safety helmets) are not to be brought to school unless for medical purposes. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours, such as when students are at recess.
6. No clothes or accessories with metal studs, ornaments, chains, or other objects which can scratch furniture, damage property, or cause harm to oneself or others, may be worn.
7. Clothing, jewelry, and accessories shall not convey messages that are crude; vulgar/profane; violent/death-oriented (Gothic); gang related; sexually suggestive; and/or promoting alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
8. Clothing which is not worn appropriately, is not properly fastened, or has tears or holes **exposing skin above the knee** will not be permitted.
9. Pants, jeans, slacks, and shorts must be worn to the top of the hipbone or higher. Pants must be secured at the hip, must not be baggy or oversized and the hem of the pant leg must not drag on the ground.
10. No hairstyle, jewelry, or tattoo that is a distraction to the learning environment is allowed.
11. All students enrolled in a vocational program must dress to reflect current business and industry standards for the particular program.

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