

Student Dress Code

For All Middle School Students

The statements below list the dress code requirements at Henderson Middle School and Jackson High School:

- All students shall be neat, clean, groomed, and dressed in a manner conducive to academic achievement and disciplinary expectations, according to school personnel.
- All clothing worn by students shall be in the correct size.
- No tank tops, halter tops, crop tops, capped sleeves, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder shirts, see-through mesh, fishnet tops, sleeveless shirts/ jerseys nor clothes with cuts, slits, or holes are allowed.
- Clothing with words or symbols (such as pictures and /or emblems) which advocate violence and/or terrorism, that are vulgar, or that advertise alcohol or drug use are prohibited.
- Vests, blazers, sweaters, parkas, windbreakers, or sweatshirts, which meet the requirements of this dress code, may be worn over shirts.
- All pants are to be worn at the waist and should not drag the ground. Pant legs may not be mega-wide, pushed or rolled up.
- Belts are to be worn correctly with the entire belt within the belt loops.
- Spandex, leggings, biker's pants, excessively tight, or form- fitting clothing are not allowed unless worn with a shirt, skirt, dress, or shorts that reach below the fingertips or longer. No sagging pants/shorts are permitted.
- Shorts shall be worn at the waist, and shorts, skirts, and dresses must be long enough to come below the fingertips or longer.
- Shoes shall be properly fitted or strapped. No flip-flops or slides are allowed. Crocs are permitted with the back strap in the proper position around the ankle.
- Heavy chains on clothing and heavy jewelry are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to wear the following items in the building: sunglasses, scarves, do-rags, bandannas, or hats.
- Dress code applies in P. E. Class. (i.e., length of shorts)
- No holes in jeans above the fingertips.
- Blankets and pillows are not allowed at school.
- **THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MAINTAINS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THE SUITABILITY OF ANY AND ALL GARMENTS AND JEWELRY.**

Final decisions about Dress Code will be at the discretion of the Principal. Building level principals have the responsibility and authority to interpret and enforce the student dress code.

It is not the desire of the school system to exclude students from the educational setting because of dress code violations. However, the school board and administration believe that a reasonable expectation for student dress should be established and followed by all. As a result, students who are not in compliance with the dress code policy will be given an opportunity to change their clothing or may be assigned to ISS until they are able to comply with the policy. Each teacher will be responsible for checking students with this code and initiating the disciplinary action for violations, following school disciplinary procedures.