

Houston County Board of Education

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The Board of Education believes that proper etiquette, social customs and good grooming are part of the educational process. While parents should exercise the primary authority in determining what is appropriate dress and grooming for their children in accordance with their age and grade, it is the responsibility of the school system to work with parents in encouraging students to assume this responsibility and to execute it sensibly as they mature.

The Dress Code¹ is designed to ensure the health and safety of students and to avoid distractions to the educational process, while preserving the basic rights of individuals. Each school will establish written deadlines to be followed.

Additionally, existing laws and/or school regulations require the wearing of protective clothing, eye shields or other dress for the health or safety of students participating in certain activities. Each school will notify students of these rules. Individual schools will assume responsibility for determining compliance with the dress code and for ruling on specific terms of clothing and general appearance for reasons of safety and health, or for the order, well-being and general welfare of students. Students failing to comply with the dress code shall be required to make immediate arrangements for appropriate clothing. Refusal to make such arrangements shall result in suspension for (1) school day for the first offense and up to ten (10) day for repeated violations.

Legal Reference:

1. TCA 49-6-4215; TCA 49-1-302(j);
TCA 49-6-4019

Cross References:

Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316