



**Hitchcock ISD**

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### **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The Hitchcock ISD dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and prepare students for the future. Students whose religious beliefs require exemptions from the district's dress code may be granted an exemption, provided the student presents a written statement expressing a religious objection that the district determines is bona fide. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards if they comply with the following:

1. No baggy, overly tight, or oversized clothing is permitted.
2. **Students must wear their school-assigned ID** at all times on a lanyard or clip, appropriately displayed. Alterations of a school ID will not be permitted. Lost or damaged IDs can be replaced for \$5. (IDs pertain to students at CMS and HHS.)
3. **Pants** must be worn at the natural waistline. They shall be neat, clean, and have no holes above the fingertips with skin showing above the knee. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. In the case of leggings, tops should be fingertip length.
4. **Shirts** must have sleeves and be made of a solid material; no see-through material is allowed. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff (when arms are raised) and not have spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder, or cold shoulders. No advertisements are allowed if not school-appropriate (i.e., alcohol, guns, violence, illegal activities, etc.).
5. **Hoodies** may be worn, but the hood is not allowed to cover any part of the head while in the building.
6. **Athletic apparel** may be worn but must meet the requirements listed above for pants, shorts, and shirts.
7. **Skirts, dresses, and jumpers** must be at least fingertip length. If there is a slit or hole in the skirt, it may not be higher than fingertip level.
8. **Trench coats may not be worn.** Hooded jackets are allowed, but the hood may not cover the head in the building.
9. **Hair** shall be neat and clean. Facial hair shall be properly groomed, with no cuts or shave-ins on the brow.
10. The only **piercings** allowed are on the ears or a small nose stud. Band-Aids to cover non-dress code piercings are not allowed. Spiked jewelry, including earrings, is not allowed.
11. **Sunglasses** may not be worn in the building. Dark glasses are permitted with written verification from a doctor.



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12. Most **shoes** must be closed-toed and have a full back due to class safety issues. Any shoe that does not fit that description is not allowed except for slides (with socks) or Crocs. This includes, but is not limited to, shower shoes, house shoes, sandals, flip-flops, etc.
13. The following **head coverings/accessories** are not permitted: cap, hat, bonnet, bandana, hair roller, hair net, or long-handled combs, rakes, or picks.
14. Any lewd, obscene, gang-related, or inappropriate **tattoos** must be covered at all times.
15. **Purses and backpacks** must be school-appropriate with no advertisements or inappropriate writing on them.
16. Any item of dress that is considered **“gang-related”** will not be allowed at any time on campus, including after-hours extracurricular events. These items include, but are not limited to, bandanas, cuts or shave-ins on eyebrows, rosaries worn as necklaces, or any other gang-affiliated items.
17. No **undergarments** shall be visible at any time during the school day or at extracurricular activities.
18. **Blankets, pajamas, pillows, and sleepwear** are prohibited at all times unless allowed during special dress-up days.

In situations covered and not specifically covered in the student dress code, the school administration shall have full authority to take the necessary steps in correcting those students whose appearance or mode of dress, in the judgment of the school administration, is distracting and/or disrupting the normal operation of the school.

If an administrator determines that a student’s grooming or clothing violates the school’s dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day until the problem is corrected or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.