

## STUDENT DRESS CODE, ATTENDANCE, AND CELL PHONE POLICY 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

September 2, 2024

Dear Harrisburg School District Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year! The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. We look forward to partnering with you and our entire school community for a successful school year! As a reminder, please review and adhere to the District rules, guidelines, and policies below.

**DRESS CODE POLICY #221**: Students are expected to follow Harrisburg School District's dress code so that their appearance does not constitute a health or safety hazard. It is critically important that all parents and guardians review the updated dress code to understand what is and is not acceptable for students to wear. Students may wear their own clothing, but the following are NOT permitted. **Dress code guidelines and images are listed on pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this notification.** Thank you for your cooperation.

- No hooded shirts or sweatshirts
- No tank tops, halter tops, or spaghetti string tops
- No offensive graphics or images on any clothing
- No sheer, translucent, or lace on the torso
- For pants, no tears or rips on pants above the knee
- No visible undergarments or boxer shorts worn on the outside
- Pants must not be saggy below the waist
- No flip-flops, slides, slippers, open-toed shoes or high heels above 1 inch (Crocs in sport mode are acceptable)
- No hats, caps, bandannas, sunglasses, visors, or ski masks, face masks, or facial coverings.
- Surgical masks for medical reasons/facial coverings for religious reasons are permitted and must be worn correctly.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY #204**: In compliance with Pennsylvania's School Code, the Harrisburg School District requires daily school attendance for all students. As a District, we ask for the support of every family/household to reinforce the importance of students being in school each day, on time, and prepared to engage in the learning process, whether in-person or online.

**CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY #237**: Under the District's updated policy, students are NOT permitted to use cell phones during school hours, including during instructional time. Violations shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device. The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian. See guidelines below.

- Cell phones must be turned off and kept in the student's backpack, purse, locker, or designated school location during the school day.
- The school/school district is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones and/or electronic devices.
- Headphones/earbuds and other listening devices may only be used in classrooms with teacher permission. Students will be prohibited from wearing any type of headphones/earbuds while in the hallways.
- If students need to place a phone call during the day, they must request to go to the main office to use the office phone.



















Thank you for your support and cooperation as we partner together for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Marcia Stokes*

Acting Superintendent, Harrisburg School District

**Tops**  
 Tops may not reveal cleavage and must cover to the waist. Exposed backs, shoulders and midriff are **NOT** permitted. Any top that is skin-tight or allows the stomach, cleavage or undergarments to be exposed is not acceptable and not permitted.

<b>NOT Acceptable</b>				
Tank tops				
Spaghetti straps/halter tops				
Sheer material that exposes undergarments or skin				
Tube Tops/Crop Tops				
Hooded Tops/Jackets				

## Head Wear

Hats, caps, bandannas, sunglasses and visors are **NOT PERMITTED** unless medically necessary or for religious reasons.

Acceptable	NOT acceptable
	
	

- **Ski Masks, Face Masks, and Face Coverings are NOT Acceptable.**
- **NOTE: Surgical masks for medical or religious reasons ARE permitted and must be worn correctly.**

**Jeans and Pants**

- Jeans and pants with rips/tears are acceptable as long as rips/tears are located at or below the knee. Rips and tears above the knee are acceptable only if skin is **NOT** visible.
- Pants and shorts must be worn above the hip. Undergarments and buttocks must be covered.
- Tear-away pants (snap pants) are not permitted.
- Pajama pants (and tops) are not permitted.

**Yoga Pants, Jeggings, and Leggings** are acceptable; however, they cannot be sheer or see through and the buttocks must be covered. **NO** sagging pants/shorts permitted

Acceptable	NOT Acceptable
	

**Footwear**

- Flip-flops and high heeled shoes (heels greater than one inch) are not acceptable for K-12 students
- Shoe laces must be tied
- Shoes must be worn at all times
- Slippers/Slides

Crocs are Acceptable in Sport Mode	NOT Acceptable		
			

### Shorts/Skirts/Dresses

- Boxer shorts worn as outerwear are not permitted.
- Shorts, skirts, and rompers should be no shorter than **3 inches** above the top of the knee when standing. Dresses with tube top/spaghetti straps are not acceptable.
- Cut-off pants or shorts are permitted as long as they are of appropriate length.

Acceptable	NOT Acceptable
	
	