



HATTIESBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2025-2026 STANDARDIZED STUDENT DRESS POLICY

EACH STUDENT has the responsibility to dress appropriately for the school environment. Wearing apparel, hair, and general appearance shall not disrupt the classroom, be unusually provocative, or violate the health and safety rules of the school. **Hattiesburg Public Schools student dress/grooming shall follow the guidelines as outlined for the 2025-2026 school year.**

MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

1. Clothing must cover from the top of the shoulder and extend down to mid-thigh. No see-through or mesh garments.
2. Size-appropriate clothing is required; excessively oversized/undersized clothing is prohibited.
3. Undergarments may not be exposed. Undershirts must be tucked in.
4. Hats, bonnets, wave caps, bandanas, hairnets, and combs in the hair are not permitted.
5. No gang-related, alcohol, tobacco, or drug-related writing/images on backpacks, shoes, or clothing.
6. Pierced ears for earrings are acceptable. Other visible body piercing is not allowed.
7. If belts, suspenders, or straps are worn, they shall be worn in place and fastened. "Sagging" or "low-riding" is prohibited.
8. Sunglasses or shades may not be worn.
9. Students are prohibited from wearing additional "patches," pins, tattoos, earrings, jewelry, or any other item that may be considered lewd, profane, obscene, vulgar, suggestive, distracting, or which may harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean other groups; or which display illegal merchandise or contraband; or any item which may distract from the educational process. Gold or silver grills may not be worn to school.
10. Handbags/purses must not exceed 8½ inches x 11 inches.
(standard notebook paper).

BACKPACKS:

- ★ For grades 6-12, clear or mesh backpacks **ONLY**.
- ★ For grades K-5, clear or mesh backpacks are preferred.

TOPS

- **Shirts: Solid Purple, Solid Gold, Solid Navy Blue, or Solid White collared shirts only.**
- **Sweatshirts/Sweaters/Vests (without zippers): Solid Purple, Solid Gold, Solid Navy Blue, or Solid White.** These items may not be worn/carried around the waist, neck, shoulders, etc.
- Shirts are to be tucked into pants, skirts, shorts, and skorts.
- **Coats/Jackets/Sweater (with zippers/buttons)** must conform to the minimum dress requirements.
- **SPIRIT WEAR:** Approved Hattiesburg Public Schools team jerseys, warm-ups, spirit t-shirts, or sweatshirts may be worn on specific days as indicated below or as designated by the principal.
 - ★ For grades K-5, students may wear approved spirit shirts Fridays only.
 - ★ For grades 6-12, students may wear approved spirit shirts daily.

BOTTOMS

- **Pants/shorts/skirts/skorts: Khaki, Black, or Navy Blue Bottoms or Denim-Jeans Bottoms (shades of blue or black)**
- If a belt loop exists on clothing, a belt should be worn.
- No sweatpants, zip-off, lowriders, leggings, jeggings, tights, or joggers.
- All bottoms must come at least to the knees but no shorter than mid-thigh.

SHOES

- **Closed-Toe Shoes and Closed-Heel Shoes (no slides or slippers)** must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment.

FREE DRESS DAYS

1. The principal may designate certain days during the year as "Free Dress" days, and students will not have to wear uniforms on those days only. Students who fail to adhere to the dress code policy will face disciplinary consequences.
2. If families have questions or concerns about the appropriateness of student attire, contact the school's principal.
3. The principal shall have the final decision about the appropriateness of the style, type, or fashion of student clothing and appearance.