

BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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The Highland Student Voice Committee has collected feedback from students and staff, researched the dress codes of neighboring districts and the effects of dress codes on student wellbeing, and collaborated with teachers and administrators on a more inclusive dress code while considering modern trends. Taking into complete consideration the comfortability and inclusion of both staff and students, the Student Voice Committee has established this clarified dress code in an effort to promote a more equitable and inclusive school environment for the staff and student body.

- Respectfully,

The Student Voice Committee

Highland Regional High School Dress Code Regulations

(Adapted from the Black Horse Pike Regional School District Policy #5511)

- → All students must wear school-issued identification displayed on a lanyard.
- → All shirts must follow these guidelines:
 - ◆ All shirts worn must have two straps with at least a two-finger width to hold it up, regardless of shirt type
 - ◆ The hand rule: the area of skin exposed from the bottom of the shirt to the top of the waistband must not be any longer than the student's hand in a horizontal position with all fingers closed together
- → Mesh clothing and/or see-through clothing must have appropriate covering underneath and cannot be undergarments.
 - Underwear can not be seen at any time.
- → All shorts and skirts cannot be shorter than the student's hand when arms are by their side, and hand is in a fist shape.
- → Hoods, hats, and bandanas are not permitted to be worn at any time.
 - **Exemptions:**
 - Religious and cultural headwear.
 - Specific arrangements can be made beforehand with the student's Vice Principal for special circumstances.
- → Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities. This includes physical education, science labs, studio courses, technology labs, AFJROTC, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- → If students have concerns about the dress code, they should communicate with their Vice Principal.

School discipline will be imposed for students who are non-compliant as outlined in District Policy #5511. Staff members shall demonstrate by example and precept healthy attitudes towards neatness, cleanliness, modesty, and good sense of attire and appearance following Board Policy 3216.