



**HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DRESS CODE  
2026 - 2027 School Year**

The Howard Middle School Dress Code will be as follows:

**Bottoms**

**Pants**

- Plain khaki, black or gray pants are the only colors permitted to be worn.
- Jeans or jean material (blue or black only), without cuts, holes or tears may be worn.
- Jeggings, tights, leggings, cargo pants and sweatpants are NOT permitted.
- Pants must be of appropriate size as designed and of at least ankle length.
- Pants that fall below the hip-bone are NOT permitted.
- Pants with belt loops MUST be worn with a belt.
- Pant legs are NOT permitted to be tucked into shoes or socks.

**Skirts**

- Plain khaki, black, gray or denim skirts are permitted to be worn.
- Skirts must be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.
- Skirts with slits, splits or openings of any kind are NOT permitted to be worn.

**Shorts**

- Biking, athletic style, tight fitting or cargo shorts are NOT permitted.
- Plain khaki, black, gray or denim shorts are permitted to be worn.
- Shorts no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee may be worn.
- During school hours, students are permitted to wear athletic style shorts for Physical Education and Junior Leadership Corps (JLC) related activities only.

**Tops**

**Shirts**

- All shirts must be free of any designs, writing, logos or images unless it is a school design or logo.
- Collared Polo shirts in white, maroon/burgandy, gray or black are permitted.
- T-shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts in white, maroon/burgandy, gray or black may be worn.
- All shirts must be of appropriate size and length.
- Crop tops and shirts tied in the front or back are NOT permitted.
- Plain white undershirts or turtlenecks underneath polo shirts, school t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters are permitted.

**Jackets/Sweaters/Sweatshirts**

The school does NOT legislate the color of jackets/outer garments worn to and from school; however, if the jacket or outer garment is to be worn in the classroom, they must be plain white, maroon/burgandy, gray or black without the hood on the student's head. Students must have an appropriate shirt under outerwear.

- Jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts must be free of any designs, writing, logos or images unless they have a school design.
- Trench coats are NOT permitted to be worn at school.



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*Accessories*

**Shoes and Socks**

- Tennis shoes with laces that are tied and the appropriate size for the shoe can be worn.
- All shoes must have closed toes and closed heels.
- Crocs must be worn with straps on the back of the heel also known as “sports mode”.
- High heels are NOT permitted.
- Plain white, black or school color socks with shoes.

**Belts**

- Plain brown, black, white, maroon/burgandy, gray or khaki belts with buckles no wider than the belt (belts/buckles can have no lettering, pictures or sayings).

**Jewelry**

- Gold or Silver Jewelry only.
- Dog tags are NOT permitted.
- Pendants and earrings larger than a quarter and multiple bracelets are NOT permitted.

**Headwear**

- Scarves, ski-masks, wrap caps, dread caps, beanines, bandanas, bonnets, edge wraps, durags and other head

wear are NOT permitted.

- Headwraps are NOT permitted except for religious purposes ONLY.
- Caps and hats are NOT permitted unless there is a hat day fundraiser.

**Hair**

- Each student's hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- For safety reasons, hair cannot cover the student’s face or eyes.
- In addition, **any hair style and/or hair accessories that could cause a disruption to the school setting may be prohibited at the Principal’s (designee) discretion.**

*Important Notes:*

- All other items, which in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process will NOT be permitted.
- **Only CLEAR OR MESH (SEE THROUGH) BOOKBAGS are permitted.**
- Any item prohibited in the Bibb County Board of Education Guidelines for Success or Dress Code is NOT permitted.