

All nonschool materials distributed under these circumstances must be removed from district property immediately following the event at which the materials are distributed.

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Hitchcock ISD Student Handbook 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, in any way, may be granted an exemption, provided the student presents a written statement, expressing a religious objection to the Dress Code 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 permitted.
2. Students must wear their school assigned ID at all times on a lanyard or a clip and 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 and clean and have no holes above the fingertips with skin showing above the knee. Shorts shall be at least fingertip length.
4. Shirts- Must have sleeves and be made of a solid material, no see-through material allowed. Shirts must be long enough to cover midriff (when arms are raised) and not have spaghetti straps, off the shoulder, or cold-shoulders. No advertisement is 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/Jumpers- Must at least be fingertip length. If there is a slit or hole in the skirt, it may not be higher than fingertip level.
8. Coats/Outerwear- 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. Earrings/Jewelry- The only piercings allowed are on 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 a written verification from a doctor.

12. Footwear- 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. Hats- The following head coverings/accessories are not permitted: cap, hat, bonnet, bandana, hair roller, hair net, or long-handled comb, rakes or picks.

14. Tattoos- Any lewd, obscene, gang-related, or tattoos considered to be inappropriate for school must be covered at all times.

15. Purses/backpacks- They must be school appropriate with no advertisement or inappropriate writing on them.

16. Gang identifiers- Any item of dress that is considered “gang-related” will not be allowed at any time on campus (this includes after-hours extracurricular events). These items include, but

are not limited to the following: bandanas, cuts or shave-ins on eyebrows, rosaries worn as necklaces, or any other gang affiliated items.

17. Undergarments- No undergarments shall be visible at any time during the school day or at extracurricular activities.

18. Prohibited at all times- Blankets, pajamas, pillows, and sleepwear. (unless allowed during special dress up days)

If the principal 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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Electronic Devices and Technology Resources (All Grade Levels)

Safe Use of Technology

The district is committed to ensuring that students use technology safely and will follow all federal and state requirements to protect students from excessive data collection or materials that are considered harmful to minors. The district considers parents as partners in cybersecurity and online safety.

In accordance with state and federal law, the district will:

- Install a filter that blocks and prohibits pornographic or obscene materials or applications, including from unsolicited pop-ups, installations, and downloads, before transferring an electronic device to a student to be used for an educational purpose
- Block or filter students’ internet access to pictures that are obscene, contain child pornography, or have been determined to be harmful to minors in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)