

## 2023-2024 HCS DRESS CODE

The Hoover City Board of Education recognizes the effect of student dress upon safety and the learning environment. Parents have an important role in helping their children make appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain a safe environment that is conducive to learning, attire considered disruptive or that seriously distracts from the learning environment or that could present a health or safety problem is not allowed. If any aspect of the Dress Code becomes a consistent problem, appropriate adjustments will be made by the administration to address the situation.

Unless an exemption is authorized by a school administrator, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for all students attending Hoover City Schools. Students who fail to follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action and/or loss of privileges.

- Any clothing, appearance, or personal hygiene and grooming practices that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student are considered inappropriate for school. The dress and/or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process of any Hoover City School.
- Clothing should not reveal the body in an inappropriate manner. Clothing which is too tight, exposes the bust line, sides, back, or midriff area is prohibited. Excessive large/baggy clothing is not allowed. Clothing must cover students' undergarments (e.g., bra, cami, bra straps, bralettes, briefs/boxers/underwear, stringer tank tops.) Halter and spaghetti straps are not allowed unless worn underneath clothing that complies with Dress Code.
- All yoga pants and tights must cover the student's hips, bottom, and undergarments.
- Blankets are not allowed.
- Legs may not be exposed any higher than the tip of the students' fingers while their arms are resting at their side.
- Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the learning environment or may pose a safety risk/hazard (ex. excessively large, noisy jewelry and/or belts). No decorative dental appliances (whether permanent or temporary) or distracting contact lenses will be allowed.
- T-shirts, pants, or any other type clothing or personal item bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being "off-color," suggestive, obscene, or offensive, or relating to, death, the occult, etc. are not permitted.
- Clothing and/or accessories which are disruptive or distracting to the learning environment or which identify a student as being a member of a gang, unauthorized organization, or any subversive or unlawful organization will not be allowed.
- Students are not to wear or carry caps, hats, visors, bandannas, sunglasses, or other inappropriate headwear (ex. Hoodie pulled up over head, ski hat, etc.).
- Hair design or style that can be associated with unauthorized organizations or offensive images that are derogatory or gang related is not allowed.
- Students may not wear make-up or unauthorized masks that severely obscures facial recognition by school personnel.
- Students are not to wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or accessories, etc.
- Students are required to wear shoes to school at all times. Boots with chains, steel toes (unless authorized), or other metal reinforcement or decorations are not allowed. Heely's, shoes with skates, are not allowed.
- Clothing & accessories designed to conceal illicit objects are prohibited.



