

STUDENT DRESS CODE

HIGHLAND SCHOOL ACCEPTABLE WEAR



School Town of Highland Dress Code Mission

The mission of the School Town of Highland is to provide a variety of experiences for our students within a supportive environment empowering them to internalize and model desirable character traits and skills to become lifelong productive citizens. Good grooming and personal attire positively affect student achievement while helping to prepare students for future success in the world of work.

In order to ensure clear, consistent expectations related to student grooming and dress, a joint committee of trustees, administrators, teachers, and parents have developed the following guidelines for parents and students. This Dress Code will provide uniformity for student dress in grades K-12. Consistent adherence to this Dress Code will contribute toward a distraction free environment where students are focused on academic achievement and will improve student attitudes toward school.

The following regulations regarding appropriate student dress are applicable during the school day, as well as at all school-sponsored activities and events. However, exceptions may be made as needed for participants in athletic events, cheerleading, poms, and the dance team. Additionally, the School Town of Highland Superintendent of Schools has the authority to lift the dress code for certain event, such as football and/or basketball sectional games, at his discretion.

DRESS CODE POLICY

ACCEPTABLE SHIRTS/SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS

- All shirts/tops must have sleeves and be long enough to be tucked into pants, skirts, shorts, etc.
- All shirts/tops must be sized appropriately and not excessively tight or large.
- Apparel must cover back, chest, shoulders, underarms, midriff and undergarments at all times. **No visible chest or cleavage.** Acceptable examples include, but are not limited to, crew necks, polos, and button down shirts.

UNACCEPTABLE SHIRTS/ SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS

No bare or exposed midriffs, see-through apparel, tube tops, or halters. Camisoles, tank tops and muscle shirts **may not be worn alone.** (See 3rd bullet above). No outerwear (jackets, coats, windbreakers, etc.) is to be worn during the school day.

ACCEPTABLE PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- All pants/shorts/skirts must be appropriately sized, worn at the waist, and cover undergarments at all times. If necessary, belts must be worn to maintain proper placement.
- All shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than knee-length.

UNACCEPTABLE PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

Sheer, see-through apparel. Low-rise apparel that exposes bare skin and/or undergarments. Tight-fitting, “stretch” material (lycra, spandex, etc.) Pajama bottoms, loungewear, and boxers.

HEADWEAR

- HEADWEAR IS UNACCEPTABLE, including but not limited to the following: sweatshirt hoods, sweatbands, caps, hats, bandanas, do-rags, and sunglasses, etc. Exceptions are made for religious and medical reasons.

HAIR AND MAKE-UP

- Extreme hairstyles or make-up that would interfere with the learning process, cause a disruption to the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard are prohibited.

TATTOOS

- Offensive or gang-related tattoos, brands, or writing on the body are not permitted or must be covered to prohibit their display.

CLOTHING IN GENERAL

- Clothing, shoes, or accessories worn in school or at school-related activities with pictures or messages that contain objectionable material are prohibited. This includes items related to: gangs, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex or violence, profanities, obscenities, religious or racial slurs, and anything which is disruptive to the educational process.
- Clothing which has holes or is ragged, tattered, ripped or deliberately distracting in appearance is not permissible.
- Clothing, shoes, or accessories which have chains, raised studs, or anything that may pose a health and safety risk to others are not permissible.
- Any form of clothing which is considered contrary to good hygiene, safety requirements, or is disruptive to the educational process will not be permitted.

FOOTWEAR

- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times within the building for health and safety reasons and must not mark or damage floors. For safety reasons, some classes have footwear restrictions. Unacceptable footwear includes, but is not limited to, bedroom slippers and heeled shoes.

The school administration reserves the right to approve or disapprove any items not addressed in the dress code policy.

DRESS CODE STANDARDS

(Tips for Purchasing School Clothes)

Please remember the following test to determine if the clothing you are purchasing for school meets dress code standards. If your clothing fails to pass any of these tests, please wear something else.

- Bend over to be sure that no cleavage shows and one cannot see down your shirt or dress.
- Raise your arms over your head to be sure that no skin shows in your midriff.
- Sit in a chair and lean forward to be sure that no skin shows on your backside.
- Look at yourself in the mirror and be sure that you cannot see through your clothing or see the impression of your undergarments (the color or shape of your undergarments must not be seen).
- Pinch an inch of fabric without stretching the material to be sure your clothing is not too tight.
- If there is any question about an item being inappropriate, do not wear it.

PROCEDURE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Students in violation of the Dress Code are to be sent to the office with a written teacher referral and considered tardy for that period. The teacher is to mark the violation on the dress code form. The violation steps are year long. **Parents will be notified for each violation.**

1. First Violation and each time after—

Teacher or administrator fills out a dress code violation referral and inappropriate clothing must be changed. If necessary, a t-shirt and/or sweatpants will be provided. One three-hour detention will be assigned.

2. Second Violation—Assigned two three-hour detentions for Tuesday/Thursday class

3. Third Violation—Assigned one day OSS.

4. Fourth Violation—Assigned three days OSS.

5. Fifth Violation—Assigned five days OSS.

6. Sixth Violation—Assigned ten days OSS and recommended for expulsion.

At certain school events, alternative guidelines may be enforced, i.e., Prom, Turnabout, Homecoming, Graduation, etc. The appropriate guidelines for each event will be provided to students and parents in advance, in order to afford ample opportunities for compliance.