

HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

It is our goal that Homestead High School be a safe, positive environment for students. Throughout life many responsibilities dictate appropriate attire and appearance. Students are expected to wear their clothing and manage their appearance in a manner that does not disrupt teaching, promote vulgarity, violence or gang activity, depict weapons, advertise illegal substances (including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs), or express double meanings.

While selection of clothing to be worn at school is primarily the responsibility of parents and students, the school administration reserves the right to make the final judgment concerning appropriateness of the student's attire and appearance. If a student questions the appropriateness of his/her outfit, he/she should not wear the item of clothing.

Guidelines for appropriate dress include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Students will wear footwear at all times. Slippers are prohibited.
2. Hats/hoods/bandanas/sunglasses/headgear of any kind should not be worn, or be visible, upon entry into the school and throughout the end of the academic school day (2:35 P.M.).
3. Exposed shoulders, backs, cleavage, or midriffs are not allowed at any time. All shirts must have sleeves that cap the shoulders. Examples of shirts not to be worn include: muscle shirts, tank tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, visible undergarments, see-through tops. A test to use to see if your top is too "low cut": Lay the palm of your hand on the center of your upper chest so that the index finger is at the base of the collar bone. If the shirt falls below your pinky, it is considered too "low cut" to wear to school.
4. Shorts, skirts and dresses should be at least mid-thigh length. When shoulders are relaxed and arms extended at their sides, shorts, skirts and dresses should be longer than fingertip length. Slits may not reach above mid-thigh/fingertips.
5. Yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, stockings, tights, or any clothing made of thin, tight material such as spandex or lycra may not be worn unless covered by shorts, skirts, sweaters, etc. that are beyond fingertip length without adjusting at all times.
6. Students may not wear pants/shorts in a manner that would allow any undergarments to be seen, whether visible or not. The waistbands of pants/shorts are to be worn above the hips.
7. Clothing that is torn excessively or in inappropriate locations will not be allowed.
8. Accessories that may be detrimental to the learning environment or are a potential safety issue are not permitted, such as spikes on either clothing or jewelry.
9. Administrators may make exceptions prior to school spirit activities.
10. Clothing should not disrupt teaching, promote vulgarity, violence, or gang activity, depict weapons, advertise illegal substances (including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs), or express double meanings.

Students will be asked to change upon each reported violation. If it is determined that a student must be sent home to change clothing, that student will be unexcused for the time period he/she is absent. See the following consequences for dress code violations:

1st Violation: Change, Warning, and Call Home

2nd Violation: Change, Detention, and Call Home

3rd Violation: Change, Suspension, and Call Home

Further violations: Increased consequences up to and including Out of School Suspension (OSS)