

## **Dress and Grooming**

The school dress code is established to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus and to avoid any unacceptable disruptions to the learning environment. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following guidelines:

### ***Uniform Tops/Polo Shirts***

- A black or white polo style shirt with or without a SHMSTC logo. Shirt sleeves cannot be rolled up. No "tall" T's or oversized shirts are allowed.
- T-shirts worn under shirts must only be white.
- Approved school club/team spirit shirts may be worn.
- Shirts must stay in the same condition as when they were purchased. Clothing may not be inappropriately revealing and must cover entire mid-riff area.
- Students with tattoos must ensure that the tattoos are covered and not visible.
- Shirt length must not exceed below the wrists when the arms are straight down. Shirts that do not meet the "wrist" rule must be tucked in.

### ***Pants/Skirts***

- Pants must be solid khaki or black. Denim blue jeans are allowed.
- All slacks and skirts must be worn at the natural waist height and be of proper length. All must fit properly and may not be excessively loose or baggy.
- Skirts must be below the student's knee; skirts exposing the knee or thigh will not be allowed. Skirt length must be at least one inch below the fingers when the arms are straight down.
- **NO** shorts, skorts, or capris may be worn at any time.
- Oversized, undersized, torn pants will not be permitted.
- Pant legs cannot be rolled up.
- No cargo shorts or pants allowed.
- Stripes, embroidery, patterns, and logos are not allowed.
- Nylon fleece and sweat pants are not allowed.

### ***Shoes***

- Shoes must be closed toe and have an appropriate sole.
- Shoes may be black, white, or brown, only, including shoelaces.
- Shoes with rollers/wheels underneath are not permitted.
- For safety reasons, platform shoes, spiked heels, combat boots, steel-toed boots, or any backless shoes (including clogs, house shoes, sandals, flip-flops, aqua socks) are not allowed.

### ***Hair***

- No distracting hair styles are appropriate in an academic setting.
- Hair rollers, metal rakes, and combs are not to be worn.

### ***Jewelry***

- Appropriate jewelry may be worn on neck, wrist, fingers, or ears. **Only piercing of ears is permitted.**
- Body jewelry (piercing) other than that in ears is not permitted. No grills or other mouth accessories (except dental retainers) will be allowed.
- Students are not allowed to wear rosaries.
- Expensive or irreplaceable jewelry should not be worn to school. In some laboratory settings, teachers may prohibit the wearing of dangling or protruding articles or accessories.
- Jewelry that distracts from the educational process is not allowed. This includes anything depicting the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, drugs, sex, race, gender, obscenities, alcohol or anything else deemed inappropriate.

### ***Accessories***

- Belts may be black or brown and must fit properly with no hanging ends. Belts should not display profane or vulgar images. Extremely large belt buckles are not allowed.
- Purses will be allowed in classrooms if they are not larger than 8" x 5" x 3."
- Students are allowed to carry clear or mesh backpacks to school, with the colors designated in the dress code.
- Wallet chains or dog collars are not allowed.
- Head wear (hats, caps, bandanas, etc.) will not be worn in the building.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn on campus, unless medically necessary.

### ***Winter Clothing***

- Sweatshirts, windbreakers, jackets that are solid black or white may be worn in the classrooms.
- Winter clothing may be worn during cold weather.
- Students must be in compliance with the standard dress code. Pants and skirts should be within the color and dress outlined above.
- Winter Accessory Items (Ear warmers, caps, scarves etc. need to be removed upon entering the building.)
- Sweaters and sweatshirts are acceptable as long as they are consistent with the adopted school colors and are worn over a standard dress shirt with a visible collar.
- No hooded clothing will be allowed.
- No flannel jackets will be allowed.
- No trench coats are allowed.

Students violating the dress code will call home for appropriate clothes. If they are not able to comply with the dress code, they will be assigned to the SRC (Student Reassignment Center). If inappropriate dress continues, students will be disciplined using the rules and regulations outlined by the student handbook and the *HISD Code of Student Conduct*.