



# Hutchinson Dress Code

Hutchinson Middle School is committed to safety and to providing all students with a positive learning climate. In support of Board Policy, the school follows the uniform policy and has established a dress code that requires students to wear clothing that is neat, clean, safe and appropriate for school activities. Students must dress with appropriate taste and must not disrupt the learning process, endanger student safety, or communicate an unwanted or dangerous message. If there is a doubt as to whether a garment is appropriate for school, we suggest that it not be worn. To assist parents and students to avoid the unwitting purchase of items of clothing which may communicate an unwanted or dangerous message, Hutchinson Middle School has compiled the following standards in the best interest of all students and the education process.

## **I. SHIRTS AND OUTERWEAR**

All tops, shirts and blouses must be hemmed and properly buttoned. Undergarments and midriff skin are not to be visible at any time. No oversized clothing is allowed. Blouses/shirts must have a minimum of a 2 inch strap. Jackets and sweatshirts with hoods may be worn; however, the hood may NOT be worn over the head at any time.

## **II. PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES**

Pants, skirts, shorts, and dresses are to be of proper length and hemmed. Frayed, ripped, torn or pants with holes may not be worn, small frayed parts must have a patch or leggings underneath (no skin showing). Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist, not below the waistline or at the hip line. Skirts and shorts should be no shorter than fingertip length when measured with arms straight down the side of the leg. No oversized clothing is allowed. No pajamas are allowed. Undergarments may not be visible.

## **III. FOOTWEAR**

Protective footwear must be worn on campus at all times. Backless shoes and Steel-toed shoes are not allowed. Sandals must be securely fastened with heel and side supports.

## **IV. ACCESSORIES**

Baseball caps with the bill facing forward and beanies may only be worn outdoors as sun protection. No other hats or caps are allowed. Sunglasses may not be worn except for prescription sunglasses. Belts must be of appropriate length and property threaded through the belt loops. Metal spikes and studs are not allowed.

## **V. UNACCEPTABLE DRESS**

Any item of clothing which promotes gangs or suggests gang affiliation may not be worn. Specifically not allowed are: hair nets, bandannas, spiked collars, belt buckles with initials or gang symbols, chains, dangling suspenders, and other gang-related apparel. Clothing and accessories must not promote racism, sexism, ethnic or religious bigotry, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, tagging, gangs, graffiti or illegal activities. Garments must be free of questionable or suggestive printing or drawings of a sexual nature.

***The Hutchinson Middle School Dress Code may be modified as needed to address student safety or other clothing trends.***

### **SCHOOL BOARD POLICY #5595**

“When a dress code violation has occurred, the student shall be required to change attire and/or relinquish unacceptable accessories. If a change of clothing is required from home, the parent shall be notified and required to bring acceptable attire to school.

Any student who repeatedly violates the dress code shall be subject to more extreme disciplinary actions as the violation has escalated to an issue of defiance. The parent shall be notified and given the opportunity to discuss the matter.”

**NOTE: unsafe and/or inappropriate confiscated items will only be returned to a parent.**