

H.M. King High School Dress Code

2018 – 2019

(These guidelines are to be observed during school hours; NOTE: Coaches or sponsors may have additional stipulations. **Administrators will make the final decision on appropriateness of an item as allowed by Board Policy FNCA [LOCAL].**

H.M. King High School's dress code serves to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents/guardians may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the campus-approved dress code. *See KISD Board Policy FNCA (Local). Cleanliness, neatness, and good taste comprise standards of appropriate dress. Any apparel or unusual accessory that school officials have reason to believe would disrupt normal activities is unacceptable.

Students who arrive on campus out of compliance with the dress code or who, during the course of the school day, are determined to be out of compliance with the dress code may be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the school day. There will be no tolerance for non-compliance. Repeated offenses will result in more serious disciplinary action.

Campus administrators shall have the authority/discretion to determine whether or not any aspect of student dress is appropriate for school. This shall include new styles of clothing, hairdos, jewelry, and clothing not expressly covered in this handbook. In addition, any of the dress and grooming rules may be suspended by individual principals. For example, a student with a leg cast may be permitted to wear split pants to accommodate the cast.

General Guidelines:

- Clothing, tattoos, or jewelry that depicts obscene, vulgar, violent, suggestive, or objectionable symbols, pictures, or words will not be allowed (including references to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and gangs).
- Undergarments that are visible will not be allowed and must be covered by an acceptable clothing item.

Tops:

- Crop tops or tube tops will not be allowed.

Bottoms:

- Sweatpants, wind pants, gym shorts, and/or other athletic-style bottoms will not be allowed except in a P.E./Athletics credit class.
- Skirts, dresses and/or shorts must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the center of the knee when standing upright.
- Skirts, pants, shorts, and/or bottoms of any kind that are torn, un-hemmed, or contain holes four inches above the knee are not allowed unless a fabric is affixed over or under the hole, preventing any visible skin while standing or sitting.

Outerwear:

- Dusters, long raincoats, or trench coats will not be permitted.
- Hooded sweatshirts or jackets are permitted as long as the hood is not worn as a head cover indoors.

Shoes:

- House shoes and slippers are not allowed.

Hair:

- Distracting hairstyles and unnatural coloring will not be allowed.

Accessories:

- Sunglasses will only be worn outdoors.
- Bandanas, sweatbands, and/or spikes will not be permitted.
- Head coverings will not be permitted unless required by a CTE course teacher in that particular class, is required for a medical condition, is part of an extracurricular uniform, or is part of a declared religious affiliation.
- Caps, hats, or head gear will be permitted to be worn on school grounds.
- Body piercings that are not excessive or distracting will be allowed.

Grooming Violations:

If a campus administrator determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*.

Dress Code for Extracurricular Activities:

A campus administrator, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Coaches or sponsors may have additional stipulations.

Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the administrator or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the *Student Code of Conduct*. See FO series.

All schools in the District have the right to establish specific criteria and guidelines in addition to the District's standards. Students are expected to follow all guidelines involving attire.*

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