

## Henry County Public School Dress Standard for Middle and High School Students

It is the desire of Henry County Public Schools to establish a learning environment free from unnecessary risks and distractions where all students are able to achieve at their highest potential. The personal appearance of every student is an important component of establishing an environment for optimal learning and respect for one another. Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. In support of these expectations, the following dress standard will be enforced:

- All shirts/tops must be of sufficient length to cover skin exposed at the waistline at all times. Tank tops are not allowed nor are those that reveal undergarments or inappropriate body parts. If worn, all sleeveless tops must come to the edge of the shoulder.
- Shirts and dresses should not have a low-cut neckline or expose the back.
- Clothing with logos that express obscenities, convey messages of a sexual nature, or advertise or condone drugs, alcohol, or cigarette products will not be permitted.
- Clothing that is racially offensive or deemed a distraction to the educational process will not be permitted.
- Mesh or see-through shirts are not permitted (males and females) unless a solid fabric shirt is worn underneath.
- \*All pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn over the hips. Waistlines that sag and expose one's undergarments or under layer of clothing is not acceptable.
- No pants with holes or rips/tears above the knee are permitted unless another layer of clothing is worn under them.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no higher than 5" above the knee.
- Slits on skirts or dresses must be no higher than 5" above the knee.
- **Tight** fitting pants, which may include but are not limited to: leggings, jeggings, tights, biker shorts, spandex, etc... are not stand alone garments. They must be covered with a shirt or garment that is no shorter than 5" above the knee.
- The outer garment of clothing worn must always be in compliance with the dress code.
- No pajama-type pants/pajama pants are to be worn to school.
- No wearing of bedroom shoes will be permitted.
- Shoes should be appropriate for travel within the building; "heely" shoes (shoes with built-in wheels) are not permitted.
- Hats, bandanas, headscarves, hoods, and/or any other head coverings may not be worn in school. (Exceptions are made for religious observances.) Combs and picks may not be worn in hair.
- Wallet chains/chains hanging from clothing or spiked jewelry are not permitted.
- Items not previously mentioned, but deemed inappropriate by the administration, will not be permitted.
- If an extenuating circumstance arises, modifications to the dress standard may be granted by the administration.

As a reminder, this dress standard is not an exhaustive list. Any questions regarding student dress should be addressed with school administration.