

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We take pride in the appearance of our students at Highlands High School. **School is a student's place of business and appropriate dress and hygiene is important.** Students must dress in a manner that will not constitute a disruption in the school, create a safety hazard, or exhibit impropriety. *The focus of all students and staff should be on academics and not on dress.*

Please note the following guidelines:

1. Clothing

- A. Modest dress is expected. No inappropriate exposure of the body. (Examples: no bare shoulders, bare midriffs, backs, sides, or chest. No clothing made of mesh or sheer material. No tube or tank tops. No exposed bra straps.) Midriff should not be exposed when arms are lifted over head.
- B. Clothing, buttons, or jewelry with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, or insignia which are obscene, profane, racist, "gang" related, related to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use are prohibited.
- C. Shoes with cleats or abrasive soles which might cause damage to school property; bedroom slippers, shower shoes, bare feet are not permitted. (Appropriate footwear must be worn.)
- D. Extremely tight clothing (examples: spandex, etc.) is not permitted
- E. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. Undershirt type upper garments are **NOT** to be worn as the only upper garment.
- F. Dresses, shorts, and skirts **MUST BE MID-THIGH IN LENGTH WHILE SEATED**. No nylon shorts, running shorts, gym shorts, bicycle shorts, cut-offs, or bathing suits. (Exceptions: Cheerleader and Majorette uniforms on days designated by the administration and for physical education class.)
- G. Clothing with large, excessive and/or revealing holes may **NOT** be worn.
- H. Leggings must be covered by appropriate shorts or skirts.
- I. Shorts and/or pants **MUST** be worn **waist high**. Pants may not sag below the waist.
- J. Coats or jackets worn as outerwear are to be kept in the student's locker during the school day. They are not to be worn or carried to classes.
- K. All tops, male and female **MUST** have sleeves.
- L. Pants must be an appropriate length, secured properly at the waist and not exposing boxers or underwear. The waistband of pants must be higher than the waist band of the undergarment.

2. Hats

- A. No hats, hoods, bandanas, headbands, or any type of covering on the head are allowed.

3. No sunglasses are to be worn indoors.

4. Belts/Chains

- A. Belts, if worn, **must be buckled.**
- B. No dangling or exposed belts/chains of any type. **Chains will be confiscated.**

5. Jewelry which may pose as a safety hazard (Example: large, heavy metal rings or wrist bands, choke collars around neck, spiked wrist bands, collars and belts.)

Any student who chooses to wear the above-mentioned attire will be asked to remove it and/or return home to change outfits. The school district reserves the right to send home students whose attire is deemed disruptive to the educational environment and an interference with the educational process of other students. If the student cannot be sent home and refuses to change clothes, s/he will be sent to time-out for the remainder of the school day. Head coverings worn in class or in the hallway will be confiscated and returned only at the end of the school day. All hats, head coverings and coats must be kept in the lockers.

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education, shop and extracurricular activities such as band.

Final judgment concerning proper student attire will be made by the administration.