

Highland Oaks Middle School Standardized Uniform

- The basic standardized dress/uniform shall be tan or black pants, skirt or jumper and a solid maroon, black, gray or white long sleeve or short sleeve shirt with a collar (polo style, dress style, or turtleneck).
- Pants must be straight-legged or boot cut. Full-length pants, cropped pants, and straight-legged capri pants are permitted. Denim jeans, pedal pushers, cargo pants and bell bottoms are not permitted.
- Walking shorts are permitted but must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee. Measurements start from the bottom of the knee.
- Pants must fit at the waist and not be oversized or undersized (e.g., Baggy pants, sagging pants, tights, or pants made of spandex are prohibited.).
- Belts must be worn with all pants, shorts or skirts with belt loops. They must be solid color (maroon, black, brown, gray or white) and fed through belt loops.
- Skirts or jumpers must be at or below the knee. Tights and hosiery must be maroon, gray, black or white or any combination of those colors.
- Shirts must be tucked on the inside unless they are designed to be worn over pants or skirts.
- T-shirts may be worn as undergarments only. They must be solid maroon, black, gray or white.
- Neckwear, such as ties, scarves, bow ties, etc., must be predominately maroon, gray, black or white in color.
- Light jackets, vests, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and cardigans are permitted as items that may be worn over the uniform top. They must be maroon, black, gray or white. Hoods on jackets/sweatshirts are not to be worn on the head while inside the building.
- Heavy coats, heavy jackets, and raincoats are not covered by these regulations and are not to be worn during the school day unless permitted by the Principal for special circumstances.
- No denim material may be worn as standardized dress/uniform clothing.
- All standardized dress/uniform clothing must be plain, without any visible manufacturer's logos, brand names, pictures, or insignias.
- Shoes may not have heels higher than one and one-half (1.5) inches. Shoes with rollers/wheels are prohibited. Athletic shoes, sandals with straps on the heel, and boots are permitted.

Highland Oaks Middle School Dress Code Protocol

- Pants must be worn at the waist, be appropriately sized, and of a safe length.
- Shirts, blouses, and dresses must have sleeves and must completely cover the abdomen, back, and shoulders. Shirts or tops made to be worn *on the outside of pants* must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts with no midriff visible. Low-cut blouses, shirts, or tops or extremely tight tops, tube tops, or any top that exposes cleavage are prohibited. Shirts, blouses, and tops must be no longer than wrist-length.
- Clothing that is see through is not permitted.
- Head apparel (such as hoods, hats, etc.) must not be worn inside the school building, except for religious or medical reasons (see *Individual Exemptions from Certain Dress Code Requirements or from Standardized Dress/Uniforms*).
- Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor physical activity.
- Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, and notebooks may not display (1) racial or ethnic slurs/symbols; (2) gang affiliations; (3) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive language or images; nor promote inappropriate and/or illegal products such as alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs.
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee, front and back. Measurements start from the bottom of the knee.
- Prohibited items include: (1) large, long and/or heavy chains and/or earrings; (2) studded or chained accessories; (3) sunglasses, except for health purposes; (4) sleepwear, pajamas, and/or blankets; (5) skin-tight outer materials, such as spandex; (6) facial jewelry (including tongue and/or facial piercing); (7) leggings or jeggings.

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency, modesty, and safety. The Principal may allow exceptions in special circumstances, or for occasions such as holidays and special performances. The Principal may further prescribe dress in certain classes such as physical education, vocational education, and science labs. Any student not attired in accordance with the policy shall be directed to correct the violation or spend the remainder of the day in in-school suspension (ISS). Repeat offenders shall be subject to additional measures, which include parent conferences, in-school suspension, and out-of-school suspensions as described in the District-wide discipline policy.