

HERITAGE JUNIOR HIGH DRESS POLICY/GUIDELINES

The manner in which people dress makes a strong, definite statement about who they are and what they do. Because we want to make a positive statement about Heritage Junior High School, we have a school dress policy that is appropriate for our activities and learning. If you have any questions or are unsure about certain clothing articles, please contact the administration for clarification. As a general rule of thumb, if you are unsure if an item is appropriate, it is best not to send your child in the questioned garment.

The dress policy is designed to ensure that our students are well-prepared, both physically and mentally, for success. Students must maintain a clean, neat, and healthy personal appearance. School dress must be clean and in good repair. Slits, rips, or tears are not permitted. All school dress standards are subject to review/revision by the Heritage R8 Charter School governing board. Any requests for review or revision should be directed to the board in writing.

Shirts:

- Solid colored **navy blue, white, or maroon** long or short-sleeved polo shirts.
- Turtlenecks and undershirts in **navy blue, white, or maroon** may be worn under polo shirts.
- Shirts must reach below the waistband even when arms are raised above the head. At no time should a student's midriff be showing.
- Undershirts in **navy blue, maroon or white** must be tucked in at all times.
- All AHCS Spirit Wear may only be worn on Fridays.

Please note: all bottoms must be a uniform type material. No denim, jeans, leggings, cargo pants or sweatpants are permitted.

Bottoms:

- Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts in solid **navy blue or khaki/tan**.
- Skorts/skirts may also be **burgundy plaid**.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts are to be worn on the waist with no portion of an undergarment showing. Clothing should be an appropriate fit and size for your student. Tight clothing is not appropriate for the school setting.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be modest in length. Attire must be near the knee.
- Leggings or tights may not be worn as pants.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be flat with a closed toe and closed heel and be securely attached to the foot.
- Preferably plain, **white, black, brown, or navy blue**.
- Students must wear matching pairs of shoes and single colored shoelaces at all times.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Boots may be worn but must have a heel no more than 2 inches in height.

Outerwear:

- Only **solid** colored sweaters, sweatshirts, windbreakers and jackets in **navy blue, maroon, white**.
- **Solid** color (any color) outdoor coats such as raincoats, heavy, winter coats, and parkas may be worn outdoors but removed when indoors.
- Logos are allowed but must be school appropriate and no larger than 2 inches by 2 inches.

PE Uniforms:

- Solid colored **white**, T-shirts.
- Solid colored **navy blue or black** athletic/gym **knee length** shorts.
- Brand logos (ie., Nike) are permitted but must be no larger than 2 inches by 2 inch.
- Athletic shoes are recommended.
- Please launder PE uniforms regularly.

Additional Attire:

- Socks may be a color or pattern of your choosing but must adhere to the "Dress For Success" guidelines.
- Leggings and tights must be solid colored **navy blue, black, or white** and may be worn under uniform bottoms.
- Clothes or accessories with sparkles, spikes, studs, or glitter are **not allowed**.
- Baseball hats, visors, and beanies in solid **navy blue, maroon or white** are permitted outside but must be removed inside and during class. School spirit wear hats or beanies with a Heritage or AHCS logo are also permitted for outdoor use.
- Eccentricities of dress and personal grooming, such as body piercing and unnatural hair color, **are NOT permitted**. Extreme variations in hair color are not permitted.
- Jewelry must not be excessive or a potential weapon or distraction. Only one bracelet and one necklace may be worn at a time. Only small hoop or stud earrings are acceptable.
- Sweatbands, gloves, scarves, tiaras, and bandanas are not permitted.

Headbands are permitted but may not have excessive embellishment (example: animal ears, antennae).

***In the event a student violates the Heritage Junior High School Dress Code Policy, parents may be contacted to bring in an acceptable uniform. Thank you for your support.**

The examples below are the most commonly worn clothing items. Please contact the administration offices if you have questions about specific clothing items.

POLO COLORS		
<u>Solid Navy Blue</u> 	<u>Solid Maroon</u> 	<u>Solid White</u> 

BOTTOMS		
<u>Solid Navy Blue</u> 	<u>Solid Khaki (tan)</u> 	<u>Burgundy Plaid</u> 

FREE DRESS DAYS STUDENT DRESS CODE

“LET’S DRESS FOR SUCCESS”

In order to meet one of the goals of the American Heritage Charter School’s mission statement, and to provide a safe and orderly learning environment, clothing, jewelry, and other accessories must be appropriate to the educational environment and should not bring inappropriate attention to the student or cause a distraction in class. Therefore, the following guidelines apply to student dress when at school or school-sponsored events:

- Students must maintain a clean, neat and healthy personal appearance. Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
- Eccentricities of dress or personal grooming, such as body piercing and unnatural colored hair, are not permitted. A few examples of “unnatural colored hair” are: blue, green, and purple, pink, etc.
- Head coverings, including hats of any kind, are not to be worn in any educational environment including assemblies, classrooms, labs and offices. AHCS recognizes an exception to this rule for head coverings worn for religious beliefs or protection from the sun when outdoors.
- Pants are to be worn on the waist with no portion of an undergarment showing. Slits, rips, or tears in pants are not permitted. Leggings or tights may not be worn as pants.
- Shorts and skirts should be modest in length and appearance. This means such attire must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- All tops must have sleeves or cover the shoulder. (No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or off-the-shoulder tops.) Tops that are see-through, or show any part of an undergarment, are not acceptable school clothing. Tops showing cleavage are not permitted. Clothing that exposes bare midriffs is not permitted.
- Body piercing, other than earrings, is not permitted. Earrings must not create a safety issue. A few examples of this are safety pins, large loops, long dangles, spikes, etc.
- Clothing or jewelry with logos that promote gangs, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, or violence are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals are allowed, but must be securely attached to the foot. Footwear worn in the science labs must be of closed-toed design.

Please note: this list is not meant to be exhaustive; rather, it outlines the general expectations of student dress during school or school-sponsored activities.