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## Press Release

**For Immediate Release:**

### Hancock County Schools Student Dress Code

Standards for student attire shall be established by the school system in grades K through 12. These standards will be included in the Student Code of Conduct. A student shall not dress, groom, wear or use emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of the other students or otherwise to cause interruption and/or interference with the operation of the school. If school authorities have a reason to question the appropriateness of a student's clothing or appearance, parents or guardians will be contacted and informed of such. The school principal/site administrator will make the final determination on whether a student's dress or appearance conflicts with these standards.

With the understanding that a student's behavior is influenced by the way the student is dressed and with the understanding that no student should dress in a manner that is disruptive or has an adverse effect on school activities, these minimum standards for student attire have been developed. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school related activities. Individual school dress codes may exceed these requirements. The school principal/site administrator will make the final determination of whether a student's attire or appearance conflicts with these standards.

The Hancock County School District will promote all efforts to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety minimize disruption, easily identify trespassers on campuses, and to promote improvement in student behavior and academic excellence.

The Hancock County School District **REQUIRES ALL** students in K through 12 to wear a school uniform as identified by the school in which they attend or will attend.

All students in K through 12 (except those deemed exempt) **MUST** adhere to the **MANDATORY** School Uniform Policy with the following dress code being applied in all schools.

- Solid black, solid navy blue, or khaki shorts, skirts, skorts, Capri pants or pants/slacks. Shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers must be knee length.

- Solid white, solid maroon or solid gold, tops may be collar style shirts, collared blouses or turtlenecks, may have the school insignia, if one is available, but no other ornamentation is permitted. All shirts must be tucked in for girls and boys.
- Belts can be worn in the colors of black, white, navy blue or brown. No exceptions. Belt buckles must be 2 inches or less with no designs or graffiti i.e. skulls, drugs paraphernalia etc.
- Athletic shoes (sneakers) may be solid white and solid black in color. No athletic shoes of any other color will be permitted.
- Closed toe shoes may be worn in the colors of solid black, solid brown and solid white.
- Solid white, solid black or solid navy blue socks and/or tights will be permitted. No exceptions.
- No hats, caps or sunglasses may be worn in the building.
- Extreme hair color/style that causes a disruption or interferes with the learning environment will not be allowed.

Students assigned to the Cross Roads Alternative Program will wear the following:

- Black pants, slacks, Capri pants, or skirts.
- Gold button down or collar shirts
- Black or white shoes.

### **Dress Code Amendments**

The following revisions have been made to the standard Hancock County Schools Dress Code.

1. If sneakers are the shoes of choice, then the sneakers must have either a majority white background or a majority black background. No colored sneakers are allowed. Oxfords, and loafers must be brown, white, maroon or black (one shade tint or hue only). No other colors of shoes are permitted.
2. Solid jackets without logo. (Any color).
3. Slacks must be worn with a belt at the natural (naval) waistline. Also, slacks must be worn to the ankle, no stuffing of pant legs in socks or shoes.
4. Undershirts and thermals must be one of the school colors (maroon, gold, or white) no other colors are permissible.
5. Shorts, Capri shorts and skirts should be worn at the knee.
6. Cargo pants can be worn as part of the uniform so long as they are in the uniform colors of khaki, navy blue or black.
7. Cowboy boots, high heels, snow boots, rain boots and any other type of shoe with slick bottoms or that may pose a threat of injury to the student are not permissible. Other boots such as Polos and Timberlands may be worn so long as the shoe falls in the acceptable color range (brown, white, maroon or black).
8. Sweaters, vests, and hoodies are permitted as long as they are the required school colors, (maroon, gold and white) no other colors will be permitted. Hoodies can be purchased through the school to ensure the appropriateness of color. If hoodies are worn students will be inspected to ensure that the proper uniform is worn underneath.
9. No hospital scrubs, knit pants, leggings, jogging/sweatpants or jeggings are permitted.
10. Students assigned to the Cross Roads Alternative Program will wear gold shirts instead of white.