

APPROVED BY THE HARDEMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ON JANUARY 9, 2014

DRESS CODE

The dress code is designed to reflect the will of the school community. Hardeman County School Board Policy #6.310 states the following: “Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school.”

STANDARD DRESS FOR HARDEMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: The standard dress code is optional for Pre-K students.)

Shirts— Only golf type shirts (no zippers) and button-front shirts will be permitted. Only the top two buttons may be unbuttoned.

1. Must have a collar.
2. Must be solid white, black, or the designated school color.
3. Must be the appropriate size.
4. May be long or short sleeve.
5. Must not have any writing or pictures.
6. Must be tucked in and remain tucked in at all times.
7. Logos shall be no larger than an inch on the left side of the shirt.
8. Only white t-shirts may be worn underneath the approved golf or button-front shirt.
9. Short sleeve t-shirts may be worn with the approved short sleeve shirts.

Sweatshirts/Sweaters— Must be solid white, black, or the designated school color. Solid color sweaters with v-necks, crew necks, cardigans or vests in the approved colors may be worn, but must be worn over the approved shirts. No brand names or wordings are allowed.

1. There are to be no logos on the sweater or sweatshirt.
2. Sweaters, sweatshirts, and vests should hang at the waist/belt line.
3. Hooded sweatshirts/sweaters of any kind will not be worn in the classroom.
4. Sweaters or sweatshirts are not to be tied over the shoulders or around the waist.
5. Mock turtlenecks or turtlenecks in approved colors may be worn under the approved shirt. They must be solid color, and either white or the approved school color, and they cannot be worn alone. Short sleeve turtlenecks may be worn under the approved short sleeve shirts.

Pants— Color choices for pants are khaki, black, or navy (hemmed or cuffed) and of a cotton twill blend.

1. Pants must be worn and fitted at the waist line.
2. Low slung, baggy seat, baggy legged, or bell-bottom pants are not permitted.
3. Students in all grades PreK-12 may wear knee-length shorts of a cotton twill blend in khaki, navy, or black.
4. No jeans are allowed except on special days designated by the school principal.
5. No rivets on pants.
6. Cargo pants, carpenter pants, or overalls are not permitted.
7. Pant legs cannot be rolled up, exposing the leg.
8. There are to be no holes, rips, or tears.
9. Capri style pants may be worn by female students. Capris are defined as trousers which end at the mid-calf area or just below the calf.

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Belts must be worn through the belt loops and buckled. The belt buckle must be a plain buckle and shall not exceed 1 ½ inches in width. Uniform pants which have a completely elasticized waist with no belt loops do not require that a belt be worn. The school administration will have the final discretion on the color of the belt.

Skirts/Dresses— All skirts must be solid-khaki colored, black, or navy colored, and be a twill cotton blend.

1. Skirts must go to the knee.
2. There must be no slits in skirts above the knee.
3. All dresses that are worn must be solid khaki colored and go to the knee.

Footwear

1. Shoes are to be worn at all times.
2. Dress/casual shoes, sandals, or athletic shoes are to be worn and must be properly fastened.
3. Flip flops and skeletoe shoes are **not** to be worn.
4. Boots are permitted with the pants leg worn outside the boot.
5. Shoes with heels taller than 1 ½ inches are **not** permitted.

Coats/Jackets

1. Students may wear any color heavy coat to school but it must be stored in a locker or designated location when the student gets to school. Heavy coats may not be worn in the classroom. Sweaters, jackets, or pullover windbreakers without hoods may be worn with the standard dress policy clothing in the classroom in white or the approved school color.
2. Large, oversized coats and jackets or trench coats are not permitted within the school building.
3. Coats and jackets must not have drug, alcohol, gang related, gambling, or other such messages or pictures.

Headwear

1. No caps or hats are to be worn in the school building.
2. No sweatbands are to be worn in the school building.
3. Headwear may be worn on school buses but must be removed and stored upon arrival at school.
4. Girls may wear head bands such as those worn to hold hair in place while in the school building.

Expectations and Consequences

Students are expected to adhere to the standard dress policy at all times during the regular school day. If a student arrives at school and is not in compliance with the standard dress policy he/she will not be allowed to attend classes. The student will be detained and a parent will be called to bring appropriate clothing for the **first violation**. The **second violation** will result in a one-day in-school suspension; and **subsequent violations** will result in a conference with parents for further disciplinary consequences. (Note: Elementary school principals may take special circumstances into consideration when there are violations of the standard dress policy.)