



## H.M. King High School Dress Code 2015-2016

(These guidelines are to be observed during school hours)

### **DRESS AND GROOMING:**

*H.M. King High School's* dress code serves to teach grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents/guardians may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the campus approved dress code. \*See KISD Board Policy FNCA (Local). Cleanliness, neatness, and good taste comprise standards of appropriate dress. Any apparel or unusual accessory that school officials have reason to believe would disrupt normal activities is unacceptable.

Students who arrive on campus out of compliance with the dress code or who, during the course of the school day, are determined to be out of compliance with the dress code may be assigned to SAC for the remainder of the school day. There will be no tolerance for non-compliance. Repeated offenses will result in more serious disciplinary action.

Campus administrators shall have the authority/discretion to determine whether or not any aspect of student dress is appropriate for school. This shall include new styles of clothing, hairdos, jewelry, and clothing not expressly covered in this handbook. In addition, any of the dress and grooming rules may be suspended by individual principals. For example, a student with a leg cast may be permitted to wear split pants to accommodate the cast.

### **General Guidelines:**

- Clothing, tattoos, or jewelry that depicts obscene, vulgar, violent, suggestive, or objectionable symbols, pictures, or words will not be allowed (including references to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or gangs).
- Undergarments that are visible will not be allowed and must be covered by an acceptable clothing item.

### **Tops:**

- Shirts must be tucked in if they go below the person's fingertips when their arms lay at their side.
- Tops must be long enough that the stomach/back is not exposed when a student stands, sits, or raises his or her hand(s).
- All tops must have sleeves and tops must not have a revealing neckline or an exposed back.
- Shirts, tops, and/or blouses that are torn, un-hemmed, or contain holes are not allowed.
- Shirts, tops, and/or blouses that are sheer, and for which anything underneath is visible, may only be worn over tops that are already considered acceptable as part of this dress code.

### **Bottoms:**

- Pants must sit no lower than the natural waistline or top of the hipbone.
- Sweatpants, wind pants, gym shorts, and/or other athletic-style bottoms will not be allowed except in a P.E./Athletics credit class.
- Skirts and/or shorts must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the center of the knee when standing upright.
- Leggings and/or jeggings will be allowed only if worn under a dress or skirt that is otherwise considered acceptable under the rules of this dress code.
- Skirts, pants, shorts, and/or bottoms of any kind that are torn, un-hemmed, or contain holes are not allowed unless a fabric is affixed over the outside of the hole.

**Outerwear:**

- Sleeves on outerwear must not extend past the student's extended fingertips.
- Dusters, long raincoats, or trench coats will not be permitted.
- Hooded sweatshirts or jackets are permitted as long as the hood is not worn as a head cover indoors.

**Shoes:**

- Shoes must be worn at all times and must not have steel-plated coverings over the toes and/or any other type of spike(s).
- Sandals are permitted as long as they have a strap around the heel.
- House shoes, slippers, shower shoes, and/or flip-flops are not allowed.
- Heels on shoes must not exceed three inches (3") in length; no stilettos allowed.

**Hair:**

- Hair must be clean, combed, and shall not cover the eyes.
- Distracting hairstyles and unnatural coloring will not be allowed.
- Any facial hair must be neatly groomed or must be removed.

**Accessories:**

- Sunglasses will only be worn outdoors.
- Wallet chains, bandanas, sweatbands, and/or spikes will not be permitted.
- Head coverings will not be permitted unless required by a CTE course teacher in that particular class, is required for a medical condition, is part of an extracurricular uniform, or is part of a declared religious affiliation.
- Teeth grills or other mouth jewelry will not be permitted.
- Caps, hats, or head gear will not be permitted to be worn on school grounds.
- Body piercings that is not excessive or distracting.

**NOTE:** Coaches or sponsors may have additional stipulations. Administrators will make the final decision on appropriateness of an item as allowed by Board Policy FNCA (Local).

**Grooming Violations**

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*.

**Dress Code for Extracurricular Activities**

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity.

Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the *Student Code of Conduct*. [See FO series]

All schools in the District have the right to establish specific criteria and guidelines, in addition to the District's standards. Students are expected to follow all guidelines involving attire. \*

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