

MHS DRESS CODE

The administration shall determine the appropriateness of dress and grooming to the school situation.

When, in the opinion of the administration and/or the Humphreys County Board of Education, a student is not attired appropriately or exhibits grooming which is considered detrimental to the educational environment, appropriate action shall be taken. Students violating the dress code will be sent to the office where they may receive a warning, call for someone to bring a clothing item, call for permission to check out to go get the item, have an unexcused absence, or spend the rest of the day in in-school suspension (ISS). Upon a student's first dress code violation, the student may be allowed to return to class with a Dress Code Form marked "WARNING" as long as the dress code violation is not serious. Warnings will NOT be issued upon subsequent dress code violations. When a student is sent to the office by a faculty or staff member to be checked for a possible Dress Code violation, the administrator will complete the Dress Code Form if the student is allowed to return to class. The form must be kept with the student for the remainder of the day so that if he or she is questioned by any faculty or staff member regarding his or her attire, the student will be able to show proof of administrator review. If the student does not possess a Dress Code Form and a faculty or staff member suspects a student is violating the Dress Code, the student should be sent to the office immediately. **The administrators will have the final decision as to what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.**

I. SHIRTS –Shirts worn on the outside must come below the waistline. The following types of shirts must not be worn: low-cut shirts, spaghetti strapped/narrow strapped shirts, muscle shirts, halters, t-shirts with questionable slogans or advertisements. Lace shirts and see-through shirts may only be worn if worn over a dress-code acceptable shirt. Sleeveless shirts are permitted for females. However, the material over the shoulder must be at least 3 inches in width. Racer-back shirts are permitted for females. However, the racer back must not be deeply cut, and the material over the shoulder must be at least 3 inches in width. **UNDERGARMENTS MUST NOT BE VISIBLE AT ANYTIME.**

II. PANTS – Jeans or pants with holes are not acceptable. Pants with holes must have a permanent patch on every hole. Pants will be worn with the waistline properly on the hips. Sagging or very loose fitting pants are not acceptable. Cut-off jeans are not permitted. Super low-rise pants are not permitted. Shorts are not permitted, including Bermuda shorts. Capri pants are permitted for females. Capri pants must fall below the knee. Leggings are not permitted unless worn with a skirt or dress meeting the dress code (no higher than 3" above the knee). No athletic pants are permitted. This includes sweatpants, yoga pants, nylon warm-ups, etc.

III. SKIRTS AND DRESSES -- Females are permitted to wear skirts and dresses that are no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

IV. OTHER -- Questionable patches or slogans on articles of clothing will not be tolerated. No apparel or jewelry advertising any type of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is permitted. Male students are to be clean shaven at all times with no exaggerated sideburns. Male students will not wear ponytails or otherwise braid or bind their hair together. Male students are not allowed to wear makeup, eye shadow, or fingernail polish. Sweat bands, do rags, bandanas, combs, caps, or sunglasses will not be worn in the building at any time. Students are not allowed to bring hats or caps into the school building. Shoes will be worn at all times. No body piercing jewelry will be worn, other than earrings worn in the ear. No ear gauges of any size are permitted. Hair coloring (including, but not limited to, blue, green, pink, etc.) is not acceptable. Hair coloring must be natural human colors (blonde, brown, black, red, etc.). Hair must be cut so that eyes are completely visible at all times. No items may be woven into the hair such as beads, feathers, etc. Mohawks and "faux-hawks" are not acceptable. Large chains worn around neck or wrist are not permitted. Spiked necklaces, bracelets, and earrings are not permitted. Unusual make-up will be at the principal's discretion.