

HSA@MMS Dress Code 2022-2023

(This document is subject to change at any time by administration)

The Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle School holds high expectations for all scholars to represent the school in a way that exemplifies good character by being prepared, being respectful, being responsible, and by being safe. Administration reserves the right to deem any article of clothing or accessory inappropriate if it distracts from, or causes an interruption to the learning environment. Words, logos, slogans, pictures, or acronyms on garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, sexual activity or profanity are **not** allowed. The safety and education of our scholars is the highest priority and scholars' clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose. The HSA team expects HSA scholars to represent themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times.

Students and parents need to be familiar with the dress code policy as students are to adhere to this policy while on school grounds or while participating in certain off campus school functions. Field trips will be addressed on an individual basis depending on the nature of the trip.

Tops:

- T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hoodies (**not worn on the head**), Sweaters, Light Jackets are permitted
 - Need to cover the upper body (chest/midriff/shoulders at all times)
 - No deep-plunging shirts
 - No see-through or open back shirts
 - No spaghetti straps, tank tops, cut t-shirts, tube tops, halter tops, or strapless shirts, crop tops or tied up shirts
 - Wearing a jacket does not permit students to wear any of the above that's not permitted.

Bottoms:

- **Must cover undergarments at all times**
- Jeggings are allowed if have pockets, seams and zippers like standard jeans
- Leggings and yoga pants are allowed as long as they are covered by a top down to the mid thigh (beyond length of individual's middle finger)
- Jeans with holes must not be higher than above the knee
- Skirts and dresses are approved and must be fingertip length (slits must not be higher than two inches above the knee)
- Shorts are permitted (beyond length of individual's middle finger)
- No compression/biker shorts
- No pajama bottoms at any time
- No words or symbols across the seat of the pants.

Belts and Accessories:

- If worn, belts may be of any color/design/graphics as long as there are no inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation or other items deemed inappropriate.
- Belts must fit appropriately and stay on and buckled at all times.
- Collars, bracelets or necklaces with spikes or oversized chains are not permitted.
- Accessories (jewelry, belts, etc...) with spikes, safety pins, or oversized chains are not permitted

Footwear:

- Shoes/Footwear must be worn at all times
- Shoes must be tied/fastened at all times
- The followings footwear is approved:
 - Crocs
 - Sneakers/Tennis Shoes
 - Dress Shoes
 - Slides
- Unapproved Footwear
 - No Cleats
 - No bedroom shoes

Headwear

- Head or face coverings, such as bandanas, hats, do-rags, stocking caps, or any other headwear are not permitted.
- Hoods will not be worn on the head at any point during the school day

Students MAY NOT wear or carry:

- Bandanas, hats, headscarves (unless for religious purposes), do-rags, stocking caps, slippers, slides, cleats, headphones, earbuds, bluetooth earpiece or cell phones.

The following items are additional items that are not allowed:

- No bedroom shoes, slippers, steel-toed shoes, light-up shoes or shoes that make any noise including, but not limited to music, cleats, or Heelys. (If you walk to school in “non-school” shoes you must change shoes before entering the school building.)
- No bandanas, on or in your possession, hats, headscarves, sunglasses or gloves. (Non-prescription eyewear is not permitted.) The exception to this rule is students who practice a religion that requires the wearing of yarmulkes and headscarves. These students will be allowed to wear those items.
- No clothing that causes a disruption to the learning environment.
- Earbuds are not a part of school dress. Earbuds should not be seen on students in any location during the school day.

Any other items must not undermine the integrity of the dress code or serve as a disruption to the educational process.

If necessary, the administrative staff will meet to approve any attire not covered by the dress code. The principal reserves the right to repeal or amend any changes to the policy as necessary and will communicate all changes to the students, parents/guardians, and staff in writing prior to implementing any changes. The principal also reserves the right to waive any of these rules for special days, events, or occasions as predetermined and adequately communicated to students, parents/guardians, and staff.

Students that are found in violation of the HSA@MMS Uniform Code of Dress Policy will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the grade level administrator and building principal.

Disciplinary action may range from in school suspension to after school detention or other consequences deemed appropriate by the administration team. Suspension will be considered for students who continually and willfully violate the Uniform Code of Dress Policy. Students who come to school inappropriately dressed or not in compliance with the dress code may be held out of class until the violation is reasonably corrected. Absences from class as a result of dress code violations will be ruled unlawful.