



STUDENT DRESS CODE AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES, AND CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE PROCEDURE

August 7, 2026

Dear Harrisburg School District Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**. Please review and adhere to the District rules, guidelines, policies, and procedures below. Information is available at HBGSD.us.

DRESS CODE POLICY #221: Students are expected to follow Harrisburg School District's dress code so that their appearance does not constitute a health or safety hazard. It is critically important that all parents and guardians review the updated dress code to understand what is and is not acceptable for students to wear. Students may wear their own clothing, but the following are NOT permitted. **Dress code guidelines and images are listed on pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this notification.**

- Hooded shirts/sweatshirts **are** permitted. However, hoods **cannot** cover the head, nor face during school.
- No tank tops, halter tops, or spaghetti string tops.
- No offensive graphics or images on any clothing.
- No sheer, translucent, or lace on the torso.
- For pants, no tears or rips on pants above the knee.
- No visible undergarments or boxer shorts worn on the outside.
- Pants must not be saggy below the waist.
- No flip-flops, slides, slippers, open-toed shoes or high heels. Crocs in sport mode **are** acceptable.
- No hats, caps, bandannas, sunglasses, visors, or ski masks, face masks, or facial coverings.
- Surgical masks for medical reasons/coverings for religious reasons **are** permitted and must be worn correctly.

ATTENDANCE POLICY #204: Attendance matters for every student, every day. In compliance with Pennsylvania's School Code, the Harrisburg School District requires daily school attendance for all students. We ask for the support of every family/household to help reinforce the importance of students being in school each day, on time, and prepared to engage in the learning process, whether in-person or online.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES PROCEDURE: The District's updated standard operating procedure prohibits the use of cell phones and electronic devices for middle and high school students in grades 6-12 during school hours. This procedure is designed to reduce classroom distractions, encourage face-to-face interaction and healthier social interactions, promote academic focus, and protect mental health, all of which contribute to a more productive and supportive learning environment for students. Violations shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.

- Student cell phones/electronic devices must be turned off and kept in the school's designated lockbox or pouch system during the school day.
- The school/school district is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones and/or electronic devices.
- Students are prohibited from wearing headphones/earbuds during the school day.
- If students need to make a phone call during the day, they must request to go to the office to use the phone.

Middle and high school students must follow the District's standard operating procedures and guidelines for phone free spaces during the school day. For questions, contact the office at your child's school.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we partner together for a successful year of learning for every student!

Sincerely,

Dr. Benjamin Henry

Superintendent, Harrisburg School District

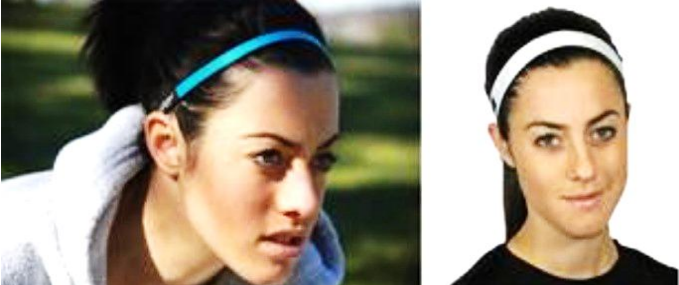
TOPS

Tops may not reveal cleavage and must cover the waist. Exposed backs, shoulders and midriff are **NOT** permitted. Any top that is skin-tight or allows the stomach, cleavage or undergarments to be exposed is not acceptable and not permitted.

NOT Acceptable	
Tank tops	   
Spaghetti straps/halter tops	   
Sheer material that exposes undergarments or skin	   
Tube Tops/Crop Tops	   

HEAD WEAR AND HOODS

Hats, caps, bandannas, sunglasses and visors are **NOT PERMITTED** unless medically necessary or for religious reasons.

Acceptable	NOT Acceptable
	
	
	

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- Ski Masks, Face Masks, and Face Coverings are **NOT** Acceptable.
- NOTE: Surgical masks for medical or religious reasons **ARE** permitted and must be worn correctly.

JEANS AND PANTS

- Jeans and pants with rips/tears are acceptable as long as rips/tears are located at or below the knee. Rips and tears above the knee are acceptable only if skin is **NOT** visible.
- Pants and shorts must be worn above the hip. Undergarments and buttocks must be covered.
- Tear-away pants (snap pants) are **NOT** permitted.
- Pajama pants (and tops) are **NOT** permitted.

YOGA PANTS/LEGGINGS/JEGGINS are acceptable; however, they cannot be sheer or see through, and the buttocks must be covered. **NO** pajama pants, sagging pants/shorts permitted.

Acceptable	NOT Acceptable
 	 

FOOTWEAR

- Flip-flops and high-heeled shoes (heels greater than one inch) are **NOT** acceptable for K-12 students
- Shoelaces must be tied
- Shoes must be worn at all times
- Slippers/Slides

Acceptable in sport mode	NOT Acceptable		
			

SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Boxer shorts worn as outerwear are **NOT** permitted.
- Shorts, skirts, and rompers should be no shorter than **3 inches** above the top of the knee when standing. Dresses with tube top/spaghetti straps are **NOT** acceptable.
- Cut-off pants or shorts are permitted as long as they are of appropriate length.

Acceptable	NOT Acceptable
	
	

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