

Student Achievement is impacted by school climate

Holston High School strives to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment.

We rely on students and parents to exercise judgment in promoting modesty, decency, and a sense of decorum so as not to disrupt the learning environment. School climate has a direct influence on student achievement, and the manner in which students dress is a significant factor in school climate.

We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and support.

If you have specific questions, please consult a Holston High School teacher and/or administration.

Examples of inappropriate attire are shown below for your reference.



INAPPROPRIATE
GUIDELINES

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GUIDELINES

- ☒ **Hats, Hoods, Bandannas, Head Scarves**
-(Male or Female) Headgear of any kind is not permitted in the building, unless approved by administration
- ☒ **Inappropriate Tops/Shirts**
-No shirts that display obscene words, pictures or designs; or that convey sexually suggestive remarks or pro-alcoholic and/or drug related messages
-No shirts that are transparent and/or expose undergarments
-No shirts that expose the stomach, midriff, navel, etc...
-No shirts that have a plunging neckline and/or expose cleavage
-No tank, tube, spaghetti strap or halter tops—**all tops MUST COVER ENTIRE SHOULDER.**
- ☒ **Inappropriate Jewelry, Piercing Jewelry, Wallet Chains, Hat Accessories**
-No jewelry or accessories that may be used as a weapon (large two or three finger rings, chains and/or oversized necklaces, studded, sharp accessories, barbed fish hooks in hats)
- ☒ **Long Coats**
-No trench coats or dusters are allowed *inside* the building

- ☒ **Inappropriate Pants/Bottoms**
-No tight fitting yoga/exercise pants without a shirt that covers entire posterior.
-No bottoms should be worn **too tight and/or shorter than mid-thigh**
-No baggy/sagging bottoms worn below intended waistline—undergarments should never be exposed (**shorts worn under pants will NOT suffice**)
-No bottoms that have rips, holes or tears that expose skin above mid-thigh and/or undergarments
- ☒ **Bare Feet, House Shoes**
-Footwear must be worn at all times and securely fastened
-No flip flops or boots may be worn on gym floor; tennis shoes are required.
- ☒ **Inappropriate Athletic Clothing/Uniforms**
-Students are **REQUIRED** to dress out in PE **EVERY** day
-Athletic clothing worn during PE must be within the HHS Dress Code guidelines
-Athletic uniforms worn *during school day* must adhere to policy
- ☒ **Pajamas**
-No pajamas are to be worn at school unless approved by administration
- ☒ **Sunglasses** (unless prescribed)

Thank You!

This guide is designed to give you a general idea of the clothing deemed appropriate and conducive to the educational process.

An excellent rule of thumb when deciding what to wear —“if you are pulling up or pulling down, then it is more than likely inappropriate”

Non-Compliance Consequences:

All students that are in violation of the dress code will be referred to administration for a course of action.

1st Offense: Required (every offense) to change into appropriate attire prior to being permitted to return to class; if necessary, student will be placed in an alternative learning location until proper attire is acquired; verbal warning

2nd Offense: Required to change; parent notification; 1 hour after school detention

3rd Offense: Required to change; parent conference with School Discipline Team; possible Out of School Suspension