

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Every student has intrinsic worth based upon who he or she is and not what he or she wears. Horizon Honors wants to create an environment in which each student can develop those innate qualities, focus on learning and contribute in a positive way to the community. Cultural pressures related to clothing choice can distract students and undermine that positive environment. The adopted dress code encourages self-discipline, safety and modesty and will still allow students to be creative in exercising choice. Dress code applies while on school grounds and at all school events on or off campus (including field trips) unless otherwise directed by administration.

All Clothing and Accessories will:

- be clean and neat, free of tears or fraying (even when manufactured as such)
- be the appropriate size (not skin tight or too large)
- be modest by appropriately covering the chest, under arm, abdomen, upper leg, back, and buttocks. (Student should self-check at home by sitting, bending, and standing upright.)
- be able to cover all undergarments and are not see-through
- be free of the display of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or look alike; sexual, violent or gang-related representations; political, anti-social or social protest messages/actions; and any disrespectful, derogatory, profane, vulgar, and/or bigotry displayed toward any group or person
- be of a nature that would not interfere with the educational process or present a health or safety hazard
- include visibly wearing around the neck the school ID using the appropriate school year/grade level lanyard

T-shirts, Shirts, Blouses will:

- follow the all clothing parameters
- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- have shoulders covered with at least 2 inch wide straps on both shoulders
- be worn with outerwear (like a shrug, sweater, or jacket) if straps are smaller than two inches (muscle tees, halter tops, single shouldered, or strapless garments are never in dress code, even if covered)

Skirts/Shorts/Pants/Overalls will:

- follow the all clothing parameters
- be pulled up and snug above the hips (except overalls) and no longer than above the sole of the shoe
- include skirts that will be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side
- include shorts that have a minimum of a four inch inseam
- include tights and leggings only if worn under shorts, dresses, or skirts (tights or leggings with a top shorter than dress length is not in dress code)
- not be athletic shorts, athletic pants, sweatpants, or pajamas (no lycra, spandex or yoga style athletic wear)

Dresses, Jumpers, and Rompers will:

- follow the all clothing parameters
- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- have shoulders covered with at least two inch straps
- be worn with outerwear (like a shrug, sweater, or jacket) if straps are smaller than two inches (muscle tees, halter tops, single shouldered, or strapless garments are never in dress code, even if covered)
- be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Jackets/Coats/Hoodies will:

- follow the all clothing parameters
- not be blankets or snuggies

Jewelry/Piercings will:

- be kept to a minimum and limited to the ears with a maximum size of a 2 g gauge
- require any piercings beyond the ear to be removed or maintained with a flesh tone plug

Body Art/Tattoos will:

- not be allowed

Makeup will:

- be kept to a minimum reflecting natural skin colors

Hair will:

- be neat and clean
- be natural hair colors (no part of the hair will be pink, purple, green, etc.)
- be worn in hairstyles not disruptive to the learning environment

Footwear will:

- be worn at all times (no slippers)
- not include shoes/sandals/flip flops with open backs
- not have heels higher than two inches tall

Headwear and Sunglasses will:

- be worn outside and not in the classroom/buildings (including but not limited to ball caps, berets, beanies, bandanas, kerchiefs, and the hood of hoodies)

Physical Education Clothing:

- not conflict with any of the above guidelines except as noted
- must be clothes changed into and worn only during physical education class
- must include athletic shorts/pants or sweatpants and a short or long sleeved t-shirt (no lycra, spandex or yoga style athletic wear)
- footwear must be appropriate tennis shoes with non-marking rubber soles, fastened tightly at all times
- no jewelry allowed due to safety issues