

HEMMS DRESS CODE

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Beaufort County School District to regulate reasonable attire of students during the school day. Students in all schools shall wear an approved school uniform with only legally-mandated exceptions. To maintain an educational environment that is safe and conducive to the educational process, students in all grades shall abstain from wearing or possessing specified items during the school day.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (The entire Statement of Purpose may be found on the BCSD website)

The Beaufort County School District has determined that reasonable regulation of school attire can promote important educational interests, including:

- reducing distraction and loss of self-esteem caused by teasing or competing over clothing
- minimizing disruption from wearing inappropriate clothing or possessing inappropriate items at school
- enhancing school safety by helping teachers and administrators identify individuals that are not enrolled in the school who they may encounter on campus
- enhancing school safety by prohibiting gang colors and paraphernalia
- helping prepare students for future roles in the workplace

REQUIREMENTS

SHIRTS, SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS (TOPS)

- Tops may be solid white, black, gray or Kelly green.
- Students must wear plain shirts with a collar. Mock turtlenecks and turtlenecks are acceptable.
- Shirts may have school-approved logos.
- Shirts may not exceed one size larger or smaller than necessary as determined by the school administrator.
- Shirts must be tucked in
- White, black, gray or Kelly green T-shirts (long or short sleeves) may be worn under uniform shirts.
- Students may wear plain, hooded sweaters or sweatshirts over school uniforms. The sweaters or sweatshirts may be solid white, black, gray and/or Kelly green.

PANTS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS, CAPRIS AND SHORTS (BOTTOMS)

- Bottoms may be solid khaki or black
- Jeans are not permitted
- Bottoms must be free of graphics and embroidery. With the exception of small labels, bottoms may not have insignias, words or pictures.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers shall be modest and of sufficient length. The length of these articles of clothing shall be no shorter than three (3) inches above the top of the knee when standing.
- Cargo-style pants or shorts are not permitted.
- Clothing may not exceed one size larger than necessary as determined by a school administrator. Baggy or sagging pants or shorts are not permitted. "Low rise" clothing is not permitted. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the natural waistline.
- Belts must be worn if pants, skirts, skorts or shorts have belt loops (exceptions may be made by administration). Belt buckles must not be oversized, computerized or have any writing that is considered offensive.

COATS AND JACKETS (OUTERWEAR)

- Outerwear may not be worn inside the school building during the school day.
- Outerwear may be worn during a class change if the student is exiting the building.
- Outerwear may be worn to school and placed in the student's locker. If a locker is not available, it may be hung in a designated classroom.
- The principal and/or the principal's designee may make an exception if the building or classroom is unusually cold.

SHOES, SNEAKERS AND BOOTS (FOOTWEAR)

- Footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes shall conform, as needed, to special requirements such as P.E. classes, ROTC, science labs, etc.
- Laces on shoes and sneakers must be tied.
- Flip flops, crocs, and slippers are not permitted.
- Heelies are not permitted.

OTHER CLOTHING ITEMS OR ACCESSORIES

- Students may not wear large pendants or medallions. School administration has the final say on determining whether a pendant or medallion is large.
- Any adornment that could be perceived as, or used as, a weapon such as chains, spikes, etc. is not permitted.
- Gang-related clothing, accessories, symbols or intimidating items of dress, as identified by local law enforcement agencies, are not permitted.
- Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to, hats, caps, bandanas, curlers, masks, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, earmuffs or sunglasses are not permitted. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in classrooms during regular school hours.

OTHER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- Students are expected to be dressed according to the uniform standards at all times when school is in session.
- Students who are taking classes that require a special dress code, such as JROTC or career and technical education internships, may wear that uniform to other classes.
- Principals may make exceptions to the uniform policy for special events, such as picture day, and may allow a different standard for athletic teams or other school clubs or activities.
- Sport team attire (jerseys and t-shirts) are only to be worn on Fridays and khaki or black pants must be worn. School-approved spirit wear may take the place of the shirt requirement on any given day.

**New students to the school may be given a two-week grace period from enrollment to obtain and wear the proper school uniforms.*

**If a student needs assistance with uniforms, please call 706-8700*