



HIGHLAND OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student Dress Code - Revised: 08/12/2020

The standards for Memphis Shelby County Schools dress reflect “common sense” and a concern for each child's comfort, safety, cleanliness, and sense of modesty. There is a strong relationship between neat, appropriate attire and a positive learning environment. Apparel or appearance which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than to a learning situation must be avoided. To that end, Memphis Shelby County Schools establishes a basic dress code to ensure appropriate and modest dress.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

- Pants must be worn at the waist, be appropriately sized, and be of a safe length.
- Head apparel (such as hoods, hats, etc.) must not be worn inside the school building, except for religious or medical reasons (see Individual Exemptions from Certain Dress Code Requirements or from Standardized Dress/Uniforms).
- Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor or outdoor physical activity.
- Clothing or accessories may not display offensive, vulgar language or images, nor promote inappropriate and/or illegal products such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
- For students in Grades 3-5, “short shorts”, mini-skirts, and skin-tight outer material such as spandex are inappropriate attire. No shorts or skirts shorter than four (4) inches above the knee are allowed.
- Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back, and shoulders. Shirts or tops must be no longer than wrist-length and must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts with no midriff visible.
- Waist-length and appropriately sized sweaters, sweatshirts, and lightweight jackets can be worn inside the school for warmth.

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's attire and appearance are within the limits of decency, modesty, and safety. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the Principal/designee shall prevail.

The Principal may allow exceptions for school-wide programs or special classroom activities.

The school administration will administer appropriate consequences for policy infractions.



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