

HURRICANE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

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The Purpose and Philosophy of the Board of Education of the Washington County School District recognizes that every student in the schools should have the opportunity to learn in an environment, which is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption. To foster such an environment the following policy establishes the framework for school dress and grooming.

DRESS CODE SUMMARY POLICY 2200 Please review the detailed explanation of the district dress code policy (www.washk12.org) with your student in order to avoid problems during the school year.

Quick tips for parents and students for meeting dress code:

- Shirts: No tank tops, belly shirts, see-through material, or revealing attire. Shirt must cover shoulders (outer edge of shoulder to neck). The chest area must be covered, and no bra/underwear can be exposed (front or back).
- Pants/shorts/skirts/dresses: To keep this simple, a good measure is to put hands to side (standing), if hand or fingers can touch any skin, it does not meet dress code. Short length, skirt length, and mutilated (holey) Levis can all be measure this way. If skin is exposed too high in holey Levis, material must be worn underneath to cover holes. No underwear should be visible.
- No hats, sunglasses, bandannas, capes, costumes, or trench coats. These can be distractions from our learning environment and also a big safety issue. We need to be able to easily identify everyone in our building and to see they are not a threat to the safety of our students and staff.
- Cannot bring or wear anything that advertises (in any way) alcohol, tobacco, drugs, nudity, etc.
- No gangs or gang paraphernalia. Zero tolerance.
- No extreme hairstyle that would be a distraction from our learning environment.
- No excessive piercings or gauged ears. These can be a distraction from our learning environment, but also a safety issue. Anything that can be caught and/or hung up to the point it can be ripped or tore out/off could cause blood to be spread from one student to another, is a huge safety issue.

HMS Follows District Policy! Shop Smart! Let's Have a Great Year!

HURRICANE MIDDLE SCHOOL CELL/SMART PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

We are asking for your support in dealing with problems associated with inappropriate use of cell/smart phones and other electronic devices at HMS. It has been proven that calling or answering calls, sending and receiving texts and pictures, and browsing the internet and social media sites can be detrimental to the learning process and can cause behavior/discipline problems. The use of cell/smart phones in class does have a negative impact on learning. We realize cell/smart phones and other electronic devices are not inherently bad or evil, but want to help teach appropriate use of these devices for not only now but throughout our students' lives.

We are not only concerned about the everyday uses of cell/smart phones in class, but we are even more concerned about the potential harm cell/smart phones and electronic devices could cause to our students. Any of the more serious violations of our Safe Schools Policy could result in suspension, expulsion, or legal/criminal action. Our biggest concerns include the following:

- Cyber-Bullying - Please discuss and monitor this issue with your student. If you discover that your student is involved as a sender, or receiver of this type of bullying (or any other type of bullying) please let HMS administration or counselors know as soon as possible so we can act.
- Cheating - Through texting information or taking pictures of, and distributing tests and quizzes.
- Texting - Profanity, Intimidation, Threats, Violence, Bullying, and Sexual Harassment.
- Pornography - Taking, sending, or receiving.

In an effort to reduce distractions and focus attention on learning, the following commitment is collectively in force at Hurricane Middle School.

HMS Cell Phone & Electronics Policy:

Student use of electronic devices (e.g., cell/smart phones, tablets, headphones, ear buds, Bluetooth Devices, or other electronics) is prohibited during class time, and homeroom, as well as passing time. Students can use cell/smart phones and other electronic devices before school, during their lunch period, and after school. Students are strongly encouraged to leave electronic devices at home. If a student chooses to bring electronic devices to school, the device must remain out of sight and in silent mode or turned off during class, homeroom, and passing time. Students cannot use cell/smart phones or electronic devices in the library at any time.

We ask that you avoid contacting your student during class time. Students can be contacted during class time if necessary, by calling the main office.

If the Cell Phone & Electronics Policy is violated by a student it will result in the following actions:

- 1st Offense - Device confiscated; Student can pick it up after school from the main office.
- 2nd Offense - Device confiscated; Parent or guardian must pick it up from the main office.
- 3rd Offense - Device confiscated; Parent or guardian must pick it up from the main office and the student will receive lunch detention or in-school suspension.

HURRICANE MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING AND CREDIT RECOVERY POLICY

Counseling at Hurricane Middle School with the school counselor

Because counseling is based on a trusting relationship between counselor and client, the counselor will keep information shared by the client confidential except in certain situations in which an ethical responsibility limits confidentiality. You will be notified under the following circumstances:

The student reveals information about hurting himself/herself or another person.

The student or another person may be in physical danger.

By signing this form, I give my informed consent for my child to participate in counseling. I understand that anything that my child shares will be kept confidential except in the above-mentioned cases.

This consent will be on file throughout the time that your child attends Hurricane Middle School. You may revoke this consent at any time.

Class Change Policy

Students are allowed to request a class change within the first 10 days of the semester. We will then meet with students to consider these changes. Classes can only be changed to a different course and only if space is available, the parent and teacher give permission and a \$10.00 class change fee is paid to the main office. Changing classes to be with a friend is not a valid reason for a class change.

Credit Recovery

This gives permission for the counselors at Hurricane Middle School to enroll 9th graders into the credit recovery program and charge their account \$50.00 per quarter should they fail a required class or credit needed for graduation. You cannot use fee waiver to pay for credit recovery.

When a ninth grade student fails a class that will prevent them attaining their H.S. diploma, we immediately have them drop an elective class and move into a study class. During this class they will complete the missing credit they need to be back on track for graduation and then be moved back into the elective class as appropriate.

HURRICANE MIDDLE SCHOOL POLICY DISCLOSURE

We will review the following Washington County School District and Hurricane Middle School Policies and Procedures with your HMS student.

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| Attendance | Activity Fees | Announcements | Behavior & Discipline | Bullying & Hazing |
| Electronic Devices | Checking out of School | Citizenship | Class Changes | Counseling |
| Course Requirements | Criminal Trespass | Dress Code | Educational Leave | Emergency Drills |
| Evacuations | Eligibility | Financial Info | Hall Passes | Technology |
| Illness & Medicines | Immunizations | Insurance | Safe Schools | School Bus |
| PDA | Clubs and Activities | Sports/Intramurals | Media Center | School Lunch |
| Parent Rights | FERPA & PPRRA | Student ID Cards | Bicycles, Skateboards, etc... | Home room/TAG Intervention |

Please initial the following:

_____ I will review the Technology Acceptable Use Policy found on the HMS website (hms.washk12.org) with my student.

Please initial only one of the following:

_____ I GIVE HMS permission to publish my student's name and picture in the school newspaper, yearbook, television announcements, and other media outlets for the purpose of school-related activities.

Or

_____ I DO NOT GIVE HMS permission to publish my student's name, or any other directory information, and picture in the school newspaper, yearbook, television announcements, and other media outlets for the purpose of school-related activities (FERPA rights).

By signing this form, I agree to abide by all policies and consents listed previously.

Student Name (Please Print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

Questions or comments can be addressed to: Mr. Homer or Mr. Jaggi at Hurricane Middle School (435) 635-4634 or email.