

DRESS CODE @

HMS/FWA

Answering your questions about the Hortonville Middle School and Fox West Academy Dress Code:

Why do we have a Dress Code?

Students at Hortonville Middle School and Fox West Academy are expected to continue a tradition of appropriate dress for school and school-related events. We expect our students to be dressed for an academic atmosphere of purposeful learning and responsible citizenship. Study after study has indicated that when students come to school dressed for an academic atmosphere, they are more likely to achieve at higher levels.

In general, most clothing is permissible at HMS and FWA, provided it is in good taste. Students who do not dress to acceptable standards may be asked to change. In some instances, students may be asked to call home to have appropriate clothing brought to school. Absences due to dress code violations will not be considered an excused absence.

Issues regarding acceptable dress will be determined by staff and administrators. The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. Our middle schools are public schools interested in preparing students to enter the workforce. Reasonable cleanliness of person and apparel is expected. Distracting, inappropriate, or indecent clothing will not be allowed during the school day or during school sponsored events. School personnel request students to change clothes.

Clothing that is not allowed at school...

Approved by the Board of Education as part of the Student Handbook...

- Clothing that promotes alcohol, drug or tobacco use, or which depicts violence, hatred, or sexually suggestive material
- Scanty or revealing clothing
- Jeans and pants with holes or tears above the knee
- Pajama bottoms
- Pants, worn below the waist where undergarments are exposed
- Apparel worn to demonstrate association with a gang
- Halter tops, backless tops, inappropriate necklines and shirts that are cut below the armpit line, transparent or wide meshed shirts
- Spaghetti strap dresses
- Shorts or skirts that are shorter than 1" below the fingertips with arms at your side.
- Exposed undergarments or body parts (bra straps, underwear, slips, chest, stomach, midriff or back)
- Any attire or accessory which by its design, use or intended use, could cause bodily harm, property damage or intimidation to other persons, may not be worn (e.g. chains, leather straps, pet collars etc.).
- Any article of clothing or jewelry worn to bring attention to body parts.

Guidelines for Appropriate Dress:

- Leggings and/or yoga pants may be worn as long as a shirt or skirt covers one's backside.
- Shirts must cover undergarments and shoulders.
- Shoes are to be worn in the building at all times. We recommend no sandals or shoes with high heels, due to safety. No slippers are allowed.
- Coats, jackets, sunglasses, hats, caps, bandanas, or other head gear are permitted if special permission is granted by a teacher or the principal.