

2019-2020 HHS Dress Code

The dress and grooming standards of the Howe ISD are meant to promote a positive, orderly and professional learning environment. At Howe ISD, we believe that our young people should dress for success. The following guidelines are representative of our community standards and are most conducive to creating an environment where the focus is on instruction.

Clothing Item	Permitted Styles	Special Comments
Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-sponsored, HYA, or professional/college game attire • Short or long-sleeved, collared shirt • Pull over sweater/sweatshirt • Crew neck (rounded t-shirt) • Turtleneck and mock turtleneck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visible cleavage • All shirts must be completely buttoned with exception of neck button • No spandex or other stretch material • All shirts must extend below the hip line (no midriffs) • Tops worn with leggings must be no more than 3" above the knee • No sheer or see-through • All shirts must have some sort of sleeve (cap sleeves are permitted)
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four- or five-pocket jeans (plain designs/logo must fit within guidelines below) • Pleated or non-pleated slacks • Wind pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pants must be worn above the hip level, no shorts. • No excessively baggy style, legs no wider than length of shoe • No holes with skin showing (or excessively large holes) • Belts must be worn inside belt loops at all times and appropriate size • No studs, brads, or other excessive adornment on belts • Must be hemmed properly at bottom • No pajamas, warm-ups, sweatpants (anything bottom sweatpants material) or joggers • No leggings, running tights, or other elastic, form fitting material without skirt or top that is no more than 3" above the knee.
Skirts/Dresses Shorts/Capris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hem of skirt or dress must be no more than 3" above the knee • Dresses must have sleeves (cap sleeves are permitted) • Capris for girls must touch the knee cap or below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No holes or skin showing • Hemmed properly at bottom • No low-cut neckline on dresses • Leggings may only be worn under skirts as long as guidelines for skirts are met (skirt no more than 3" above the knee)
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweatshirt • Hooded sweatshirt • Jacket, Coat, Windbreaker • School-sponsored Jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must comply with all above "Tops" guidelines • No trench coats • Must remain completely unbuttoned, unzipped and hoods off
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed toe shoes • Flip-flops/sandals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No house shoes • Shoes must match
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students should wear their hair in a clean, neat, and well-groomed fashion. Hair should be worn in a fashion that is out of the face, not covering the eyes, and of a natural color. Unusual hairstyles such as Mohawks, faux-hawks, logos, gang-style symbols or haircuts, including shaved designs, are prohibited. Hairstyles shall not, in the opinion of the administration, cause a safety hazard or distraction to the educational process. • Boys: Restrictions include sideburns past earlobes, ponytail, pigtails, man-buns and braids. No facial hair below the corners of the mouth. Hair may not extend below the base of the neck, earlobes, or eyebrows. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hats • No visible tattoos • No visible body piercing, other than in the ears and a single stud in the nose. • This includes spikes or other backings to ear rings. • Boys may only wear one stud in each ear and may not wear nail polish • No offensive language or symbols depicting death (skulls, weapons, drug or alcohol related) • No heavy metal or gang-related clothing • No chains, bandanas or headbands (males) • All clothing must fit appropriately, not excessively tight or large 	

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress code. Matters concerning the appearance and dress not specifically covered in the dress code policy that is disruptive to the educational process is not permitted.