

## Dress Code Policy

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School respects the rights of students to exhibit individuality and choose styles of dress. However, the appearance of students is expected to be consistent with standards of a positive school climate. Clothing that is distracting, offensive to others or a threat to health and safety may lead to the disruption of the learning environment. The guidelines listed below shall apply to all students.

- **Students are required to wear polo style shirt of any color or a button-down blouse or shirt. Shirts that have tails must be tucked in. No t-shirts. Dresses may be worn.**
- Pants for males and females must be worn at the top of the hip bones, slightly below the waist. Pants designed with belt loops must have belts worn with pants to school. Pants with drawstrings must be tied tight. Baggy and saggy pants will not be permitted. Leggings for girls are to be worn appropriately and should not be see-through.
- All undergarments shall be covered at all times. **Athletic shorts may not be worn under pants.**
- Clothing items must fit properly and must cover all types of underclothing. Excessively small-fitting or large-fitting clothing items are not permitted.
- Midriffs and cleavage shall be covered at all times.
- The appropriate length of skirts, dresses, and shorts may not be more than 3" above the knee. Slit/splits also apply to the 3" rule. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of the length of shorts, shorts, dresses, and skirts.
- Headgear (hats, sweatbands, scarves, hoods, etc.) or sunglasses **shall not be worn in cafeterias, gymnasiums, hallways, classrooms, assemblies, or other learning environments.** These will be confiscated if worn. Students should leave all headgear in their locker/book bag during the school day.
- **Clothing shall not be ripped, torn, lace up on the sides, or contain holes.**
- Shoes must be tight to the feet so as to remain on the foot, fastened and shoe laces tied appropriately at all times. Students will be required to wear sneakers during active recess play for safety reasons. **Students may not wear slides, flip flops, sandals, or jelly shoes to school.**
- Shoes worn should be appropriate to the school environment. Bedroom slippers should not be worn; neither should shoes with heels higher than 2 inches. Students participating in P.E. classes must wear athletic shoes.

- Mouth grills, Chains, spikes, and metal hair picks are not allowed on any school property.
- Clothing shall not display messages or illustrations that are indecent, vulgar or advertise products or services that are not permitted by law to minors.
- No clothing displaying any gang symbols or references is allowed. This will include gang insignias, monikers, color patterns, bandannas, hats, jewelry, clothing, belts, or any other clothing or personal property with any gang significance.
- Large, heavy coats must be removed while inside the classroom.
- Students will comply with special dress required in certain classes (ie., Physical Education).

Reasonable accommodations will be allowed for students who, for religious, cultural, or medical reasons, request permission to waive a particular guideline. Such request shall require prior approval by the principal.

**It is the responsibility of both the student and the parent/guardian to insure that the student is dressed appropriately for the school day and is in compliance with the dress code.** The dress code shall be enforced any time the student is under the supervision of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School. This includes the regular school day including the cafeteria, the school bus, and school field trips. Failing to comply with the dress code will have the following consequences:

**Students who are not following dress code policies will be sent to the office and sent home for the remainder of the day.**