



Horizon Honors Middle School

News

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Congrats on Another Great Year!

Congratulations to our 8th Graders and our Seniors who are now ready for the next big step, high school and college! We have had a terrific 4th quarter and students are getting ready for final exams and future plans. From everyone at Horizon Honors, "Thanks for another great year!"

Dress Code for 2008-2009!

Hot off the presses... here is our new 2008-2009 dress code! This is a very important document for your family to use when you start your back-to-school shopping for next school year. Our School Improvement Team worked all year going over the survey data and came up with a compromise that is going to allow for some additional options for school clothes. This should also make finding suitable clothes easier while you are in the stores this summer. You will also notice that the code is shorter and more concise, which is a request we heard from many of you.

Please read the entire dress code. The biggest change is that **non-collared shirts do not need to be tucked in**. For our young ladies, that means that your baby-doll blouses and layered tops without collars will be able to be worn to school. Just be sure that they are long enough and have high enough necklines to meet the requirements. It is also important that you wear shorts and skirts that are long enough; check this before you leave the stores.

For the gentleman, **you will be able to wear t-shirts without tucking them in**. The main thing you will need to remember is that they cannot be undershirts. We will not allow shorts or pants that are baggy and your undergarments cannot show even when you are sitting down.
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Middle School Happenings Finals

Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th

Last Day of School

Friday, June 6th

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Friday, June 6th, 12:30 p.m., Gymnasium

ILP Conferences

Thursday, June 12th and Friday, June 13th

"Dress Code for 2008-2009" continued...

Our dress code still does not allow non-HCLC pictures, letters, numbers, or logos on any shirts, but in our scouting out the stores we have found many non collared shirts in lots of colors and prints that will work for school. They are also available at many stores and in every price range.

The most important thing to remember when you are looking for clothes is to find things that meet the dress code. This way you will have no issues with consequences at school for what you are wearing. We will do everything we can to be consistent and strict in our enforcement of this dress code. Teachers will send students to the office if they have a question about what they are wearing and a decision will be made by administration about whether the article of clothing works for school or not. This wastes valuable class time and if we have to call home for a change of clothes it can take parents out of work. Students will not be allowed to return to classes until they are in dress code. Repeated dress code violations will mean more serious consequences because we will see that as an act of insubordination. We do not want anyone in this situation, so please choose clothes that are in compliance.

Enjoy a wonderful summer break and have fun shopping!

HCLC Dress Code Rationale

Every student has intrinsic worth based upon who he or she is and not what he or she wears. HCLC wants to create an environment in which each student can develop those innate qualities, focus on learning, and contribute in a positive way to the community. Cultural pressures related to clothing choice can distract students and undermine that positive environment. The adopted dress code encourages self-discipline, safety, and modesty and will still allow students to be creative in exercising choice.

Dress Code

ALL CLOTHES WILL:

- be clean and neat
- be the appropriate size (not skin tight or too large)
- not be torn, tattered, written-on or suggestive
- not be a camouflage pattern, be of a see-through fabric or be gang-related
- not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by the HCLC administration

T-SHIRTS, SHIRTS, AND BLOUSES WILL:

- be worn anytime
- not be skin tight
- have short or long sleeves; not be a tank top or camisole; not be an undershirt
- can be sleeveless but must cover the entire shoulder and underarm
- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- be free of all numbers, letters, icons, pictures, and logos unless it is a HCLC authorized shirt
- be allowed to be worn out at the waist if tailored to be worn out with a straight hemmed shirt tail that extends no less than 4" and no more than 6" below the top of the pants and does not expose the midriff at all times when sitting, bending, or standing upright

SKIRTS/SHORTS/PANTS WILL:

- be pulled up and snug above the hips
- be no longer than just above the sole of the shoe
- allow small logos noting the manufacturer that are no larger than the student's thumb
- not be overalls; not be stretch pants, athletic wear, OR lounge wear (workout clothes)
- be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side while standing straight
- tights and leggings cannot be worn alone

DRESSES/JUMPERS WILL:

- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- cover the shoulders or have a top under the dress that covers the shoulders and underarms
- be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side while standing straight

SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS/JACKETS/COATS WILL:

- be restricted to school appropriate designs that are not vulgar, violent, obscene, or gang-related
- not be worn inside the buildings (APPLIES TO JACKETS/COATS ONLY)
- be free of all numbers, letters, icons, pictures and logos unless it is a HCLC authorized logo (APPLIES TO SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS ONLY)

JEWELRY/PIERCINGS WILL:

- be kept to a minimum
- not include any piercing of any body parts other than the ears

TATTOOS & BODY ART WILL:

- not be allowed (including permanent, temporary, henna, or any other types of tattoos or body art)
- will be washed off immediately if temporary; will be covered at all times if permanent

MAKE-UP WILL:

- be kept to a minimum and reflect natural skin colors

HAIR WILL:

- be clean and neat and of natural hair colors

FOOTWEAR WILL:

- be required at all times
- not include shoes/sandals with open backs, including flip flops or slippers

HEADWEAR WILL:

- only be worn outside the buildings to protect from the sun or to provide warmth
- be restricted to school appropriate designs that are not vulgar, violent, obscene, gang-related
- not include "do-rags", bandanas or sweatbands

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHING:

- footwear must be appropriate tennis shoes, fastened tightly at all times, and have non-marking rubber soles
- no jewelry is allowed due to safety issues
- be black gym shorts/athletic pants and a plain white or any color HCLC approved t-shirt (Grades 7-12)
- clothes worn during physical education classes cannot be worn at any other time of the same school day (Grades 7-12)

BACKPACKS WILL:

- be free of any student writing
- be free of logos, symbols or pictures that represent something illegal, violent, illicit or suggestive