

DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Any fashion, dress accessory, or grooming that is found to be disruptive to the educational process or presents health or safety concerns will not be permitted. Therefore, the principal shall have final jurisdiction in individual cases when interpreting and enforcing dress and grooming guidelines.

The following styles or manners of dress are **prohibited**.

- 1 Skirts, dresses, and shorts more than 3" above the knee.
- 2 Visible undergarments, spandex, biker shorts, tight fitting pants, or leggings that are not worn under shorts, skirts, or dresses.
- 3 Clothing, buttons, badges, etc. that contain messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous; that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote or reference alcohol, tobacco or drug use, violence, or death.
- 4 Pajamas/sleepwear (including flannel shorts and pants).
- 5 Inappropriate footwear (Flip-flops, slippers, roller shoes, beach sandals, barefoot, backless/strapless shoes).
- 6 Outerwear (coats, jackets, and hooded attire may only be worn to and from school).
- 7 Tank tops, halter tops, strapless tops or garments with spaghetti straps. Unbuttoned shirts or blouses considered to be revealing.
- 8 Saggy or baggy pants or shorts. All pants must fit around the waist and be properly fastened as not to expose skin or undergarments.
- 9 Extreme hair colors, highlights, or styles that are disruptive.
- 10 Visible body piercing anywhere other than the ears.
- 11 Poorly groomed facial hair.
- 12 Chains or other accessories suspended from clothing that may pose a health or safety hazard.
- 13 Hats, hoods, and headwear
- 14 Jeans or pants with holes that reveal skin.

NOTE: The above attire will be strictly enforced on a regular basis, however, there may be scheduled days throughout the school year when certain attire may be worn in the interest and recognition of spirit days/events or school sponsored activities or events.

Students who are representing Howland Middle School at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, and other such groups.

Students should understand that these guidelines are minimums for both academic and extracurricular activities.