



## HORIZON HONORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT 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.

### **Interpretation of Dress Code**

Interference with the educational process, items that present a safety hazard and any interpretation of the dress code will be determined solely by the administration at Horizon Community Learning Center.

The following dress code applies while on school grounds and at all school events on or off campus (including field trips) unless otherwise directed by administration.

### **All clothes will:**

- be clean and neat
- be the appropriate size (not skin tight or too large)
- not be written-on, suggestive, frayed, torn or tattered (even if purchased or designed as such)
- not 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 Horizon Honors administration

### **T-shirts, Shirts, and Blouses Will:**

- have short or long sleeves; not be a tank top, halter top, camisole or strapless; 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, pictures, icons or logos unless it is a Horizon Honors 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 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 (if worn under shorts, dresses or skirts, the shorts, dress or skirt must be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side while standing straight)

**Dresses/Jumpers/Rompers Will:**

- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- cover the shoulders or have the 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/Hoodies 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, pictures, icons or logos unless it is a HCLC authorized logo (APPLIES TO SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS/HOODIES ONLY)
- hoodies must be worn with the hood down while in the classroom
- not be blankets or snuggies

**Jewelry/Piercings/Gauging Will:**

- be kept to a minimum
- ear piercings will be a maximum width of 2 gauges
- 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 (no part of hair will be pink, purple, green, etc.)

**Footwear Will:**

- be required at all times
- not include shoes/sandals with open backs, including flip flops or slippers
- not have heels higher than 1" tall (grades K-6)

**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

**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

**Backpacks Will:**

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

**Exceptions & Non-Compliance:**

Exceptions can be made to this dress code with prior approval by the administration. Students who are in non-compliance with the dress code will be referred to the administration and assigned a consequence in accordance to the Student Code of Conduct and may not be allowed to return to class until they are in dress code.