

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

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Henderson Middle School supports the DeKalb County School District's standards and regulations set forth in the Code of Student Conduct. These standards and regulations are required for all students. Appropriate dress and grooming are expected of all students and are critical to the safe and orderly operation of the school. Each student's appearance should reflect a positive image of the school and promote a conducive learning environment.

According to the DeKalb County School District's Code of Student Conduct (Pages 82 & 83):

- Students must adhere to the School District's dress code requirements. Students who fail to comply with the dress code requirements, as enumerated below, may be charged with Offense #25 – Student Dress Code Violation:
- Students are expected to follow ALL school rules governing safety in specialized programs that may require the wearing of protective clothing, safety glasses, or other similar requirements.
- All shirts must have sleeves. Clothing length must be worn at mid-thigh or lower. ***Clothing with rips and tears (holes) is prohibited.*** Clothing must be suitably fitted to cover all undergarments, including during movement.
- Students are expected to wear shoes that allow freedom of movement. Flip-flops, slides, between-the-toe shoes without heel straps, bedroom shoes, or other footwear that interferes with freedom of movement or safety are prohibited.
- Clothing, jewelry, tattoos, piercings, or other body ornaments that disrupt the educational process or endanger the health or safety of other students, staff, or visitors are not allowed.
- The wearing of specific look alike items such as bullet-proof vests are prohibited.
- Clothing, insignia, symbols, tattoos, piercings, jewelry, or adornments worn or carried on about a student which promote gangs, or the use of controlled substances, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are prohibited.
- Students are expected to wear clothing that is respectful of others. The wearing of clothing, tattoos or other adornments which show offensive and/or vulgar words, pictures, diagrams, drawings, or includes words or phrases of a violent nature, a disruptive nature, or sexual nature, or graphics or words or phrases that are derogatory regarding a person's background, ethnicity, race, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy status, or disability is prohibited.