

TPH HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE 2023-2024

Overview

The purpose of the high school dress code is for students to appear dressed, in properly fitting clothing, appropriate to the educational environment. Clothing can contribute to a sense of pride and professionalism and reinforces the message that school is important business. This is particularly important for our high school students who will soon experience job/internship interviews and other professional workforce expectations. We understand that wardrobe choices depend on individual taste and values. Establishing a clear, unambiguous dress code is challenging, and as a result, certain arbitrary elements may appear.

Please know that the high school administrators (high school principal and assistant principal) reserve the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. The following is meant as a set of guidelines. However, in all cases, the school administrators have the final say.

1. Students are expected to be in full dress code at all times during school day, including break and lunch time, at special events, and during all field trips, unless otherwise specified by the high school administrators.
2. There will be times when students are asked to elevate their level of dress to accommodate for special circumstances, events, or situations.
3. Body piercing (including tongue rings) are not permitted. Nose piercings are permitted only if it is a stud or a clear piercing (preferred). Other body or facial piercings are not allowed. No excessive jewelry or extreme jewelry allowed.
4. Hair must be neat and no dyeing or bleaching of hair beyond a natural color.
5. Shorts during the winter (December 1 - March 31) are not allowed.
6. No offensive or suggestive words, pictures, etc. on clothing - shirts, coats, pants, etc.
7. T-shirts, tank tops, tankinis, and cutoff T-shirts are not allowed.
8. Quarter zips, fleece, sweaters, and sweatshirts with appropriate logos, pictures/images and words, no larger than a dollar bill, are allowed.
9. Any logos that have alcohol, weapons, and the like are not allowed. No clothing is permitted that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, marijuana, sex, or violence.
10. Unless given permission by administration, hats and headwear are not to be worn in the building.
11. Hooded shirts, hooded sweaters, and hoodies are not allowed. Coats may not be worn during the school day at any time.
12. Military-style camouflage, skull, crossbones, and vulgar language/images on clothing are not allowed.
13. Pants and shorts must not have any rips. Blue jeans and pajama pants are not allowed.
14. Shoes must be worn. For safety reasons, moccasins, slippers, flip-flops, crocs, and slides are not allowed.
15. Shorts must be mid-thigh or fingertip length or longer. Certain styles of shorts are subject to school approval.
16. Students must wear administrator (principal/assistant principal) approved appropriate game day apparel.

17. Students are allowed to wear Potter's House athletic gear such as: quarter zips, jackets, crewneck sweatshirts, and vests.
18. No clothing that exposes underwear or excessive skin or is transparent or "see-through." All shirts must naturally lay below the waistline of pants, skirts or shorts being worn. No midriffs should be visible.
19. No sunglasses may be worn, unless prescribed in writing by a medical doctor for indoor wear.
20. No blankets may be worn or carried.

Attire for Men

Shirts

- Buttoned shirts may be long-sleeved or short-sleeved, with or without a collar. They must be completely buttoned to a modest level, at least 1-2 from the top.
- Polo shirts with a small, appropriate logo no larger than a dollar bill are allowed.
- Shirts may have patterns, but no words.
- Turtleneck tops/sweaters may be worn.

Pants/Shorts

- Dress pants must be neat, in good condition, and fit appropriately at the natural waistline or hipline.
- Sweatpants and athletic pants are not allowed.

Attire for Women

Blouses

- Buttoned shirts may be long-sleeved or short-sleeved, with or without a collar. They must be buttoned to a modest level, at least 1-2 from the top.
- Blouse material may have patterns, but no words.
- Turtleneck tops/sweaters may be worn.
- If an undershirt or camisole is worn under a blouse, the blouse must be buttoned up at all times, and the undershirt or camisole may only show at the collarbone, bust line, or below the blouse hem.
- See-through blouses with camisoles underneath are not allowed.
- Polo shirts with a small, appropriate logo, no larger than a dollar bill, are allowed.

Pants

- Dress pants must be neat, in good condition, and fit appropriately at the natural waistline or hipline.
- Leggings worn as pants, sweatpants, and athletic pants are not allowed.

Skirts/Dresses/Shorts

- Skirts and dresses are to be mid-thigh or longer (in the front and back, including slits). If dresses or skirts do not reach the knee, they must be worn with opaque leggings.
- Halter-style, tanks, or scoop and V-neck dresses that reveal cleavage are not allowed.

If there is a question as to whether any student's apparel or appearance is appropriate for school, building administrators will decide.