

DRESS CODE

Hohokam Elementary School has a standard of dress for kindergarten through sixth grade students. The standard of dress gives the school a positive and distinct identity and reflects the values of the school and community. Students are required to conform to the dress standard each day.

Section I. Dress Code Requirements and Guidelines

A. Kindergarten through Sixth grade students are restricted to the following clothing:

1. TOPS: All shirts must be a solid color (white, green, yellow, black, red or blue), collared with long, $\frac{3}{4}$ or short sleeve. Small logos (approx 1 sq. inch) allowed.

Fridays or designated days by administration: Students may choose to wear an approved spirit day t-shirt in lieu of the regulation collared shirt.

2. BOTTOMS: solid color (khaki, black, or navy) (No Blue Jeans or Sweat Pants)

Boys: Pants or shorts.

Girls: Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers. (Leggings, tights, and footless tights may only be worn under shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers for warmth.)

Fridays – Students may choose to wear denim/ blue jeans on Fridays.

B. Additional Guidelines. In addition to the dress code requirements set forth above, the following specific guidelines shall apply:

1. All skirts, pants, capris, skorts and shorts need to be worn at the waist at all times, hemmed, and may not be oversized/undersized. Girls' skirts, skorts, shorts and jumpers must reach at least mid-thigh length.

2. Any shirt worn underneath the approved uniform shirt must be one of the approved colors (white, green, yellow, black, blue, or red) and may not extend past the waist.

3. Shoes must be worn at all times. They must be matching and properly tied. Flip flops are not allowed and shoes may not have a heel higher than one-half inch. In addition, students are expected to comply with safety dress requirements on physical education days.

4. Socks must be matching and may not extend onto or above the knee. Socks, tights, footless tights and leggings must be solid (No trim) white, green, yellow, red, black or navy.

5. All jewelry shall remain on the owner. It shall be worn in the manner designed. Pierced body jewelry, other than earrings in the ears, shall not be allowed.

6. Baseball caps or other headwear (including hoods on jackets) may not be worn inside buildings. Baseball caps worn outside of buildings must have the bills facing forward.

7. No hairnets or bandanas may be worn.

8. No makeup or lip-gloss may be worn. Solid nail polish will be permitted unless teacher deems it a distraction. Tattoos may not be worn.

9. Jackets, coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, knit stocking caps and scarves can be worn outside of the school building but students will be asked to remove once they enter a classroom. Teachers may use discretion based on the weather.

10. Hair must be neatly groomed, with no extreme cuts, styles or unnatural coloring.

11. Principal approved organizations (i.e.: Brownies/Girl Scouts, Cub/Boy Scouts) may be allowed to wear their uniform on the day of the event.

12. Administration may designate specific days for alternative dress.

C. Gang-Related Apparel/Grooming: The Governing Board desires to keep District schools and students free from the threat of harmful influences by a group or gang that advocates drug use or disruptive behavior. Therefore, the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of dress or grooming that by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute, denotes or implies membership in or affiliation with such a group is prohibited because of the potential disruption of the educational process or threat to the safety of other students.

Section II. Exemptions

A. Application for Exemption. Families desiring not to follow the standard of dress may apply for an exemption. To exercise that option, the parent or guardian must complete the waiver and provide a written statement identifying the reason(s) that the student should be exempt from the standard of dress policy. The following reasons may be taken into consideration:

1. Religious

2. Medical

Whether to grant a partial or complete exemption is within the discretion of the principal or assistant principal. Exemptions will be based on individual circumstances and granted only for the school year in which the application is made. All applications for exemption (with the exception of medical) must be made within 30 days of the first day of that student's attendance.

B. Non-Discrimination. The District or Hohokam will not discriminate against any student granted an exemption to the standard of dress policy.

Section III. Interpretation and Violations

A. Interpretation. Hohokam administration or teachers may question the dress of any student. The Hohokam principal or assistant principal will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the standard of dress policy. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in the standard of dress guidelines shall be within the discretion of the principal or assistant principal, (Reference: Uniform Code of Student Conduct) as follows:

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hairstyles, makeup or other attractions that would, in the opinion of the principal or assistant principal, tend to promote student disruption, jeopardize student conduct or otherwise interfere with the educational process. Clothing or appearance will be considered inappropriate if, in the

judgment of the principal or assistant principal, it presents a risk to the health, safety or general welfare of the students, staff, or others.

1. Interferes with or disrupts the educational environment or process;
2. Is counterproductive to the curriculum goals or educational objectives;
3. Produces disorder or creates an atmosphere of threat, intimidation or undue pressure; or
4. Causes excessive wear or damage to school property.