



AUSTIN ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Austin Road Middle School *ARMS Scholar Mandated Dress Code Guidelines*

In conjunction with the Henry County Board of Education, it is Austin Road Middle School's belief that it should have and enforce hair and dress codes that will assist in preventing disruption of the educational environment, prevent health or safety hazards, and prevent interference with the learning of other students. The following regulations regarding dress code apply to scholars while on school grounds while participating in school athletic events, while participating in school extracurricular activities, or while on any transportation vehicle owned or used by the Board of Education.

The expectations below are a portion of the entire dress code. Please see the 2022-2023 Henry County Schools Student and Parent Handbook for more information on Dress Code.

- Extreme styles of clothing that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard, are not permitted.
- Clothing should be clean, neat, and worn properly (pants and skirts shall be worn at the waist). Clothing should not be too tight, too loose, too short, or too long and should not have inappropriate writing or pictures, including but not limited to, clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, any prohibited product, sex, depicts or suggests violence or which contains suggestive writings, pictures, or emblems that are inflammatory, vulgar, or discriminatory.
- Hats, scarves, ski masks and other headpieces will not be worn within the school building unless approved for special occasions by the principal or the principal's designee. Head wraps, scarves, or dress worn in observance of a cultural or religious tradition/belief are acceptable, as long as it does not cause a disruption of the educational environment.
- Pants and jeans with noticeable splits or holes that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would cause a disruption of the educational environment, would be a health hazard, or would interfere with the learning of other students, are prohibited.
- Shorts, skirts, culottes, split skirts, or dresses must be reasonable in length and appropriate for school.
- Immodest clothing is prohibited. See-through clothing, bare shoulders, bare midriffs, halters, and tank tops are prohibited. Tight-fitting clothing, such as spandex or bicycle type clothing and/or any facsimile, is prohibited.

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"EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS EVERY DAY"

- Jewelry, clothing, or other items that have pictures, logos, lettering, writing, or other symbols that the principal considers vulgar, profane, offensive, suggestive, or disruptive, or that reflect sexual or obscene overtones, or that advertise any alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances are prohibited. Spiked jewelry, clothing, shoes, or chains are not permitted.
- Wearing any clothing, jewelry, or other item symbolizing gang affiliation is prohibited.
- Uniforms for cheerleaders and drill team participants are prohibited in the classroom.
- Shoes are required for safety and hygiene reasons and may be worn with or without socks.
- Earrings or other jewelry of such size or style that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal’s designee, would interfere with learning, would cause a disruption of the educational environment, or would be a health or safety hazard, are prohibited.
- Any other items deemed inappropriate by the principal could be added to this list. Please see the Henry County Student Handbook for additional information regarding student dress code.
- Leggings/spandex pants (yoga pants) may not be worn unless the buttocks is covered with a shirt or jacket that reaches mid-thigh

Violation of the dress code (based on the 2023-2024 Henry County Schools Student and Parent Handbook) will result in the following:

DRESS CODE Level 1.5	Elementary		Middle/High	
	<i>MINIMUM</i>	<i>MAXIMUM</i>	<i>MINIMUM</i>	<i>MAXIMUM</i>
1 st Violation	Violations of the Dress Code Policy will be referred to an administrator for resolution.		In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. Students may return to regular class upon correction of the dress code violation.	
2 nd Violation	Violations of the Dress Code Policy will be referred to an administrator for resolution.		Students will be placed in In-School Suspension for three (3) days. If the violation is corrected before the expiration of the three (3) days, students may return to regular class after serving one full school day in In- School Suspension.	
3 rd Violation	Violations of the Dress Code Policy will be referred to an administrator for resolution.		Students will be placed in In-School Suspension for at least 3 days and then until the violation is corrected.	
An explanation of the dress code violation will be provided to students/parents by the administrator, a combination of local interventions, supports, and disciplinary response may be appropriate.				