

*American Heritage Charter Schools*  
*Heritage Junior High School*  
**“FREE-DRESS” DRESS CODE**  
*“Let’s dress for success.”*

In order to meet one of the goals of the American Heritage Charter School’s mission statement – which is to provide “*a safe and orderly learning environment*” – **clothing, jewelry, and other accessories must be appropriate to the educational environment and should not bring inappropriate attention to the student or cause a distraction in class.** Therefore, the following guidelines apply to student dress when at school or school-sponsored events:

- Students must maintain a clean, neat and healthy personal appearance. Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
- Eccentricities of dress or personal grooming, such as body piercing and unnatural colored hair, are not permitted. A few examples of “unnatural colored hair” are: blue, green, and purple, etc.
- Head coverings, including hats of any kind, are not to be worn in any educational environment including assemblies, classrooms, labs and offices. HJH recognizes an exception to this rule for head coverings worn for religious beliefs or protection from the sun when outdoors.
- Pants are to be worn on the waist with no portion of an undergarment showing. Slits, rips, or tears in pants are not permitted. Leggings, jeggings, Yoga pants, or tights may not be worn as pants. Skinny jeans are permitted but **MUST** have **back pockets** and **MUST** be made out of **denim material**.
- Shorts and skirts should be modest in length and appearance. This means such attire must be reach the tip of the fingers when standing at attention.
- All tops must have sleeves or cover the shoulder. (No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or off-the-shoulder tops.) Tops that are see-through, or show any part of an undergarment, are not acceptable school clothing. Tops showing cleavage are not permitted. Clothing that exposes bare midriffs is not permitted.
- Body piercing, other than earrings, is not permitted. Earrings must not create a safety issue. A few examples of this are safety pins, large loops, long dangles, spikes, etc.
- Clothing or jewelry with logos that promote gangs, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, or violence are not permitted.
- Shoes must be flat with a closed toe and heel and be securely attached to the foot. Shoes must be worn at all times.

**This list is not exhaustive; rather, it is intended to provide some clear examples to serve as a guide for appropriate school attire. Refer to the Student Policies and Procedures handbook for more detailed information.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Students not following the above dress code will be assigned a detention and will lose the privilege of future free-dress days.\*\*\*\*\***