



New Hope Elementary School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

At New Hope Elementary, our main goal is to maintain the best possible learning environment for student learning and achievement. At this point in the school year, we are finding that dress code violations are becoming more prominent. Hence, we feel the need to clarify a few dress code policies in order for our school day to run more smoothly. As administrators, we are charged with enforcing the dress code set forth by Henry County School System and making judgments about what we deem as inappropriate. We greatly appreciate your help with this matter. Please read the following dress code guidelines.

General Guidelines

Students should come to school with their hair neat and well-groomed. Students must wear shoes to school (skate-shoes are not allowed). Clothing should be neat, clean, 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. Extreme hair styles and unnatural colors that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning or be a health or safety hazard are not permitted. Wearing any clothing, jewelry or other item symbolizing gang affiliation is prohibited. If students wear inappropriate clothes to school, as determined by the principal or the principal's designee, parents will be called to bring other clothes for their child to wear.

NHE Guidelines

- Students are prohibited from wearing any pants that show their skin. Pants may not have holes in them. Patched jeans are acceptable.
- All pants (including skinny jeans) and skirts shall be worn at the waist at all times.
- Hats or caps should not be worn during the school day.
- Shorts, skirts, culottes, split skirts or dresses must be no more than three inches above the knee. This includes with leggings or shorts underneath.
- Tank, tube and halter-tops, including spaghetti straps and low cut shirts are not permitted. Sleeveless shirts are permitted as long as they extend to the shoulder and the straps are thick enough so that the undergarments are not visible.
- Extreme Hair Styles– Hair should be natural colors and styles should not cause a disruption of the learning environment. No mohawks, words, numbers, or designs should be cut into the hair.
- If dress code violations occur, we will contact you to bring your child a change of clothes.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation regarding student dress code. Please contact Ms. Edwards, our counselor, if you have any further questions about dress code.

Sincerely,

Tim Tilley
Principal