

Heritage Elementary Unified Dress Code

Students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore all students enrolled at Heritage Elementary School shall abide by the following dress code:

Pants and Slacks

Pants, slacks, jeans and Capri pants must be of appropriate size and worn as designed. Pants, slacks, jeans and Capri pants must be of an appropriate solid color. The colors allowed are black, navy, khaki and blue denim. Pants, slacks, jeans and Capri pants must be unembellished and in good repair. Holes, patches, fringe or fraying anywhere, whether by design or wear are not allowed. For safety reasons, pants, slacks and jeans must not touch the floor. Pants, slacks, jeans and Capri pants with belt loops must be worn with a belt which is visible. Pants, slacks, jeans, and Capri pants with elastic waistbands are allowed. Oversized pants, slacks, jeans and Capri pants are not allowed.

Shirts and Blouses (These are collared shirts, turtleneck shirts, or collared blouses.)

All shirts and blouses must be of appropriate size. All shirts and blouses must be worn tucked in. All shirts and blouses must have sleeves. Shirts worn as indoor apparel must not have an attached hood. All shirts and blouses must be of an appropriate solid color. The colors allowed are flag red, light blue, navy blue, light pink, and white. All shirts and blouses must be worn with appropriate undergarments. If an undershirt is worn, it must be white. Any acceptable design or logo on the shirt or blouse (see following section titled “*Non-Permitted Clothing Items*” for symbols not allowed on clothing) must be smaller than a fifty cent piece. Holes, patches, fringe or fraying anywhere whether by design or wear are not allowed. Clothing must not show skin of the mid section, bare shoulders, bare back or other parts of the torso during normal daily activities.

Heritage Spirit wear may be worn on Fridays. Special club t-shirts may be worn by club members on the appropriate club days. (100% Club, Quiz Bowl...) Boy/Girl Scout uniforms may be worn on meeting days. Special clothing days may be announced/ designated by the principal at his/her discretion.

Sweatshirts/Sweaters/ Cardigans /Sweater Vests

All sweatshirts, sweaters, cardigans and sweater vests must be of appropriate size and of an appropriate solid color. The colors allowed are flag red, light blue, navy blue, light pink, white. All sweatshirts, sweaters cardigans and sweater vests must be worn over an appropriate shirt or blouse as previously described. Any acceptable design or logo on the sweatshirt, sweater cardigan or vest (see following section titled “*Non-Permitted Clothing Items*” for symbols not allowed on clothing) must be smaller than a fifty cent piece. Heritage Spirit wear sweatshirts are acceptable any day if worn over appropriate shirt or blouse. No hoods are allowed on any of these items when worn as indoor apparel.

Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers

Skirts, skorts and jumpers must be tailored, of appropriate size, and of an appropriate solid color. The colors allowed are black, navy, khaki and blue denim. Skirts, skorts and jumpers must be no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended. Skirts and jumpers must be no longer than the top of the shoe. Skirts, skorts and jumpers must be unembellished and in good repair. Holes, patches, fringe or fraying anywhere, whether by design or wear are not allowed. Skirts or skorts with belt loops must be worn with a belt which is visible. Skirts or skorts with elastic waistbands are allowed. Khaki, navy blue, black or denim shorts must be worn underneath skirts or jumpers. Skirts, skorts and jumpers must be worn with appropriate shirts or blouses. (as described in the above section: *Shirts and Blouses*)

Shorts

Shorts must be of appropriate size and no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended. Oversized shorts are not allowed. Shorts must be tailored, of an appropriate size, and of an appropriate solid color. The colors allowed are black, navy, khaki and blue denim. Shorts must be unembellished and in good repair. Holes, patches, fringe or fraying anywhere, whether by design or wear are not allowed. Shorts with belt loops must be worn with a belt which is visible. Shorts with elastic waistbands are allowed.

Shoes

Heels may be no more than 2 inches in height. Shoes designed for laces or other form of closure must be fully laced and tied or fastened. Laces are allowed only if the child is able to tie his/her shoes and keep them tied throughout the day. Students must wear visible socks with shoes. Hose may also be worn. All shoes must have full backs and enclosed toes. Sandals and backless shoes are not permitted. Athletic shoes are allowed.

Hair

Hair color, hair style, bows, barrettes and hair bands must not call undue attention to the student.

Hygiene

Each student must maintain desirable personal hygiene so as not to be offensive to others.

Opt-Out: This policy is mandatory with exemptions granted for religious reasons or special circumstances. Parents who wish to have their child exempted from the unified dress code program will need to make an appeal in writing using a standardized form and submit it to the School Council. Families for whom the unified dress policy will create a financial hardship will contact the school counselor for assistance in obtaining uniform dress elements.

NON-PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS Standard for all Bibb County schools as well as Heritage Elementary
(*This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items*)

Any camouflage-type clothing	Games, toys
Tank tops, muscle shirts	Sleeveless shirts or blouses
Layering of t-shirts	See through, low cut or skin tight clothing
Bib overalls	Flip flops; soccer sandals
Big Shirts, jerseys or other oversized shirts which cannot be tucked in	Shoes with wheels
Spandex, athletic style or cut off shorts	Inappropriately sized clothing
Baggy pants or shorts	Sunglasses
Hats	Dice, playing cards
Pagers	
Sweat pants, fleece pants	

Also:

Symbols which may be offensive or disrupt the orderly operation of the school and/or activities including swastikas and gang-related clothing

Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex, or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures or emblems. Any clothing which advertises or advocates the use of a product prohibited on school premises. Any clothing which disrupts the learning process.

Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas or “do rags” worn on the head inside the building. Combs, picks, pencils, roach clips, and curlers may not be worn in the hair. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.

Any object or ornament that is distracting or that is capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol.

Facial and or body ornaments(i.e., tongue rings, nose rings, eye studs, removable ornamental tooth/teeth caps, etc.) including face painting, glitter, body jewelry, temporary tattoos or other adornment that calls undue attention to the wearer.

All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process.

Each school administration may establish variations to these requirements in response to identified needs. All such variations must be approved by the Board Of Education and be communicated to students and parents by the school.