



Joel C. Harris MS 6th-8th Grade Dress Code Guidelines

Purpose

We have created this document to communicate our approach to student attire as well as to outline our guidelines for students.

School Philosophy on Uniforms

Joel C. Harris MS has a focus on learning and part of the learning process is the need to learn and understand social/cultural norms for presenting oneself in a successful way depending on the place and context. While we want to create a space where students have choice and self-expression, we need to balance the need for school safety measures. To that end, while we adhere to the SAISD Dress Code Guidelines, we will adjust some aspects to highlight appropriate attire etiquette for the school setting. We have identified trends and needs for further clarifying our approach to student attire. This is an ever-evolving topic and we aim to provide guidelines while also being open to continued dialogue.

Important Guidelines

[Please review the SAISD District Policy](#) & Highlights Below

	Acceptable Attire	Prohibited Attire (even during free dress)
Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collared shirts are to be worn Monday- Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White collared shirt = 6th grade Maroon collared shirt = 7th grade Black collared shirt = 8th grade Harris Spirit Shirts should only be worn on Fridays. Appropriate shirts include those with a collar, fabric that touches the waistband in the front and back and on the sides under the arms. Wearing a hoodie is acceptable but the hood over the head is NOT allowed indoors. <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>*Free Dress Day Attire reminders:</p> <p><i>*Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that the chest and abdomen, genitals, and buttocks are fully covered with opaque fabric.</i></p> </div>	<p>Attire that includes images or language depicting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drugs Alcohol Hate Speech Pornography Images of language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized group
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If jeans have holes or rips, they must not expose pockets, undergarments and/or buttocks. Khaki or Black: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pants Joggers Shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee) Skirts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee) Leggings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeans with holes or rips exposing undergarments and/or buttocks
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate footwear must be worn (tennis shoes, boots, sandals with rear straps, worn correctly, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open-toed shoes and footwear without rear straps to secure are not permitted
Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caps and beanies and other headwear may be worn but will need to be removed indoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate logos only

“Free” Dress

- Free Dress will be offered for Incentives (dates will be given during the upcoming school year)

School Uniform Shirt

Harris MS will have some collared school shirts available for purchase in August.

Uniform Assistance

If you are in need of assistance to get your child in uniform, please contact [Ms. Sophie Martinez, our](#) FACE specialist, so that she can work with you.