

# HMS 2024 - 2025

## Uniform Policy and Dress Code

According to Act 414, the Board shall authorize a mandatory uniform dress code, which may include school uniforms. All Bossier Parish Schools have adopted mandatory uniforms beginning fall of 1999. Haughton Middle School follows a mandatory school uniform policy that is designed by a committee that consists of school administrators, parents, teachers, and students. To meet dress code requirements, the students must present themselves in the approved uniform. All uniforms must be worn in the manner meant by the manufacturer. All edges should be hemmed. The parents may make simple hemming of sleeve length, skirts, skorts, and/or length as long as it follows the dress code guidelines for uniform length. Students who are not in uniform may not be allowed to enter class. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or student to purchase only uniforms that meet all the requirements of Haughton Middle School Dress Code. **The administration shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.**

### **Shirts**

- White, navy, gray, or red polo style shirts with no more than three buttons (no zipper, snap, or tie closings)
- White oxford shirts
- Current club or spirit shirt
- HMS Buccaneer shirt from BSN
- Shirt tails must be long enough to cover the midsection even when hands are raised. No fitted shirts with short cap sleeves or multiple buttons will be worn.

### **Bottoms**

- (Boys) navy, gray, black, or khaki pants or shorts\*.
- (Girls) navy, gray, black or khaki pants, capris, shorts, uniform jumper, uniform dress, skorts, or skirts\*
- Jeans, pajamas, sweatpants, yoga pants and spandex are NOT ALLOWED.
- Plaid skirts/skorts are NOT ALLOWED.
- No skinny pants or body forming pants. Pants and shorts must not have any metal brads.
- Shorts and pants are not to be rolled up. The length of shorts must be no shorter than the bottom of fingertip when arms are held naturally at the side. Bottoms are worn on the waist. If they are not on the waist, undergarments are showing, or student has to continuously pull up their bottoms, this is considered a uniform violation.
- The length of shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than the bottom of fingertip when arms are held naturally at the side.
- Joggers are acceptable. Joggers are considered pants with drawstrings or elastic waist with tapered legs with snug cutoff. These are NOT sweatpant material.
- Bottoms must not drag the floor in a manner that destroys the pants by stepping on them. The hem of the pants/shorts must not be cut, frayed, split, or torn.

\*Denim and spandex, including spandex-like combination shirts, pants, or shorts are NOT allowed.

**Students who receive a violation for shorts too short or too tight will lose their privilege to wear shorts on the 3rd violation for an extended period of time determined by administration.**

Students who receive a violation for bottoms hanging below waist will be required to wear a belt.

### **Student ID Badges**

Haughton Middle School students are required to have an ID badge at all times for five reasons: 1) security and easy recognition while on campus, 2) library check-in and check-out, 3) cafeteria account information and identification, 4) PBIS Groups for events and 5) Check-in/ Check-out and tardy accounting. Students will be issued one free ID at the beginning of the school year. This ID may be worn on an appropriate lanyard, clipped to the student's shirt, or in the student's pocket/purse, but the ID MUST be on their person at all times while at school or at school sponsored events. Student ID must be presented during daily uniform checks and when asked by any staff member. Refusing to show an ID is willful disobedience and will be dealt with through the discipline policy. Students must have their own ID for the current year. If a student needs a replacement ID, they can be purchased for \$5 in the Library. ID Badges are not to be decorated, deformed, or altered in any way. Mutilated IDs will be confiscated and must be replaced at the student's expense. Temporary IDs may be purchased for \$1 and are valid for the date issued. Any student not in possession of their ID or possessing an altered ID will receive a uniform violation (see Uniform Violation Policy for disciplinary consequences).

**Belts**– Belts are optional. If a belt is worn it must fit inside belt loops. No part of the belt may be left hanging. Belt must be school appropriate. No large or distracting belt buckles are allowed. Scarves, ties, straps, and other items may not be substituted for a belt (all belts must be **buckled** at all times). Some decorations and jewels on the belt are approved. Writing on the belt is not allowed. **Students who receive a violation for bottoms hanging below waist will be required to wear a belt.**

**Jackets and Outerwear**– Students may wear approved solid red, white, navy, gray, or black uniform jackets or coats WITH NO HOOD. Hooded outerwear is prohibited inside the building. Haughton letter jackets and “official” Haughton jackets (sold or given by HMS) are permitted. No striped, plaid, or print shirts or outerwear. This includes camouflage clothing of any kind. No vests. No cropped jackets. Jackets must zip from top to bottom. Quarter zip jackets are not approved. Oversized jackets are NOT allowed at HMS. During uniform check, all outerwear must be unzipped (**students must wear an approved school uniform top daily**). No more than 2” X 2” label on jackets and outerwear. No gloves or rags are allowed inside the school. Monogramming of your child's initials (no nicknames) is allowed on the left or right side of the chest of the jacket. Monogramming should fit in a 4” X 4” square

**HMS sweatshirts** - HMS has one approved sweatshirt that can be purchased through our BSN website.

Students must wear an approved school shirt under their sweatshirt. No hoodies (defined as any pullover with a hood or sweat shirt with a front pocket).

**Undershirts**– Must be solid red, white, navy, gray, or black with **NO** writing. Solid red, white, navy, gray, or black turtlenecks and Under Armor type shirts are allowed. Hoodies and shirts with a hood are NOT to be worn as undershirts.

**Socks/Knee Socks/Tights**– Knee socks and tights, for females only, maybe worn. No inappropriate writing on socks or tights.

**Shoes**– All shoes must match and be closed toe oxfords, tennis shoes, or loafers. Dress boots and rain boots are allowed. Shoes must be worn on campus at all times and must be laced and appropriately tied.

No beach, pool or house shoes, crocs, steel toe boots, flip-flops, work boots, sandals or shoes with wheels. Black soled shoes may not be worn in the PE classes.

**Piercings and Jewelry**– Any jewelry should not detract from the school climate. No body piercing of any kind. (Exception: Females may wear earrings that are not distracting) Males may wear small stud earrings. No gauges allowed. No facial piercings allowed. Students are not allowed to wear straws or clear spacers to preserve pierced holes nor are they allowed to be covered by Band-Aids or other coverings. No wallet, pocket, or dog chains, spiked, or excessive (too large or too long) jewelry. Grills are not allowed. Inappropriate wrist bands are not allowed.

**Hair and Make-up**– No distracting hairstyles or colors will be allowed. No tinting or spray coloring which draws attention is permitted. Red hair color is acceptable. Hair must not cover eyes or face in any way. No make-up, body art, etc. that attracts undue attention as determined by the administration is permitted. Students are not to draw or write on body parts. No stocking caps, visors, hats, bandanas, sweatbands, scarves, or “do rags” are to be worn or brought to school. Students may not wear hair picks, combs, brushes, or rollers in their hair. No distracting headbands or headwear are allowed.

**Spirit Days**– Spirit days will be allowed at HMS at administrators’ discretion. Any spirit activity “designated spirit uniform” may be worn in place of the regular school uniform. Examples: cheer uniform, dance uniform, football, basketball, soccer, softball, track, or volleyball jerseys, etc. Only uniforms distributed or approved by Haughton Middle School administration are allowed. HMS Spirit Shirts are allowed Monday-Friday. Only spirit shirts on the HMS website are approved. These shirts may be purchased in the school office. If a student receives a shirt from a club or organization, that student may wear the shirt any day during the current school year. It may be necessary to further define or amend this guideline as needed by administration.

### **Dress Code Clarifications**

1. **No visible writing on any part of the uniform** (tops, bottoms, jackets, backpack, IDs, shoes, socks or belt) (Exception: Please write your child’s name on the tag inside clothing with a permanent marker in case the item is lost or stolen)
2. No inappropriate or detracting wording should appear on any part of the uniform including jewelry.
3. Gang, drug, and race-related dress are not allowed.
4. Spirit shirts may be worn any day of the week. Students who are members of clubs, sports, and organizations may wear letter jackets and the associated spirit shirts any day of the week.
5. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must at least come to the bottom of the fingertips when arms are naturally held to the side and will be no longer than the bottom of the kneecap. (See bottom section of dress code policy)
6. No hats or hoods are allowed to be worn inside the school.
7. Pants will not drag on the floor in a manner that mutilates or destroys the pants by stepping or tripping on them. Pants may NOT be rolled up to a calf length or tight rolled around the ankle.
8. Pants must be worn at the waist.
9. No underclothing should be visible below shorts.
10. All buttons except for the top button must be buttoned on all shirts.
11. All uniforms must be sized correctly in order to avoid ANY sagging or tight-fitting tops or bottoms.
12. Labels on shirts and pants may not exceed 1” x 1” and labels on jackets may not exceed 4” x 4” and it must be an original manufacturer label.

13. Uniforms need to be kept in good condition and clean. No mutilation of any kind is allowed. Mutilations include, but are not limited to, writing, tearing, ripping or cutting of hems, cuffs, sleeves or body of any of the uniform parts.
14. Blankets and Snuggies are not allowed.
15. Any visible tattoo must be covered by clothing or a bandage at all times.
16. Colored contacts and distracting glasses are not allowed. Eyeglasses must be prescribed by a doctor.
17. IF A CLOTHING ITEM OR JACKET IS NOT LISTED AS APPROVED, IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN AT HMS.

**Students violating the school uniform policy may be sent home, given a Uniform Violation and/ or D-slip, assigned to detention, GASP, and/or suspended from school. The administration shall make the final decision of what is considered proper or improper appearance.**

## **Dress Code Violations**

Parents/Guardians acknowledge on Oncourse stating that they have read the HMS Student Handbook. Students sign at the beginning of school stating they have reviewed the handbook. Any student enrolling after the first week of school must watch the Handbook Video. During the first week of school, students are warned about dress code violations. After the first week, Dress Code Violations will be issued as outlined below.

Minor uniform violations will be addressed with Dress Code Violations. Dress Code Violations are stored and restarted each quarter. When given a Dress Code Violation, the student must wear a Dress Code Violation Sticker on the date of infraction. Parents with an email address in OnCourse will receive a notification alerting you that your child has received a dress code violation. Dress Code Violations are sequential, and disciplinary action is progressive as stated below:

Dress Code Violation 1-4-----Warnings (Parent contact will be via automatic email per violation.)

Dress Code Violation 5-6-----One Day of Lunch Detention per violation

Dress Code Violation 7-8-----One Day of After School Detention per violation

Dress Code Violation 9 and subsequent-----Referral per violation

NOTE: This is only a guide for students who are in noncompliance with the HMS Dress Code. Students who are willfully out of uniform and disobedient may receive a Disciplinary Referral on their first violation depending on the situation. **Students who receive a violation for shorts too short or too tight will lose their privilege to wear shorts on the 3rd violation for a time period determined by administration for an extended period of time.**

Major Uniform Violations such as unapproved hair color, facial hair, designs in hair, revealing clothing (too tight, short, etc.), drug/alcohol/ gang related clothing etc. will result in students being placed in GASP until the issue is resolved. In addition to GASP placement, the student is subject to further disciplinary action for violating school rules, including after school detention, GASP, and/or suspension.