

Dress Code and Personal Property

Philosophy

The purpose of the HVWS Dress Code is to provide guidelines for dress and appearance so that students in all grades and programs can learn in comfortable clothes without distractions. We appreciate your support, as your care in this matter helps our school. In the event that a student is in violation of the dress code, they may be asked to turn clothing inside out to hide images or text, they may be asked to change into their spare set of clothing, or they may be sent home.

Guidelines

Children should be dressed in clean, neat, comfortable clothes. Your child should be able join in all of our activities without feeling self-conscious about getting dirty; activities may include gardening and gym.

Required Clothing

1. A change of clothing appropriate for the season of the year must be kept at school for each child for each school day, regardless of grade or program. During the 2020-21 school year, this includes an extra mask.
2. Rainwear is required in inclement weather. Waterproof raincoat, waterproof head covering and waterproof footwear are required without exception in order for children to participate in recess or other outdoor activities during rainy days.
3. Classroom footwear: Each child needs a pair of indoor shoes to change into at school. Open-backed sandals or sneakers, Crocs, clogs and flip-flops, light up shoes and heeies are not acceptable.
4. Painting smocks are normally required for all students at HVWS, subject to teacher discretion.
5. Gym: All children need a pair of sneakers. If a student does not have the appropriate footwear for this class s/he may be asked to sit out for safety reasons. No jewelry is permitted in gym class.

Unacceptable Clothing and Property

1. Sunglasses, hats and hoods may not be worn in class, however baseball caps with logos are allowed outside the classroom.
2. Clothing:-Shirts should be long enough so that when arms are raised, belly buttons are not visible. Halter tops, see through or torn clothing are not permitted. Shorts and skirts should be of a style and length that allows students comfort and ease during all school-related activities. Undergarments may not be exposed. Shorts, short skirts, and sandals may be worn through the second Friday in October and after Spring Break.

3. Logos & lettering: It is very distracting for students to be dressed as walking signboards or advertisements. Students should be dressed in clothing without any lettering, insignia, logos, or images larger than one inch.
4. Makeup, dyed hair, nail polish, tattoos, perfume, and piercings other than ears are not permitted.
5. Cell phones, iPods, video games and other electronic devices (including wearable electronic devices such as FitBits and Apple watches) are not permitted during school, on field trips, or during assemblies and performances.
6. are not permitted for students, either at school or on field trips.
7. Chewing gum is not permitted.
8. No toys, dolls, stuffed animals or pets are permitted at school, although a given class may hold designated “pet days.”
9. Field trips: The Dress Code is in effect for field trips.
10. Costumes may only be worn in the classroom at the teachers’ discretion. Witch hats, Santa Claus hats, leprechaun hats, etc. are considered costumes.
11. Watches may not be worn to school before Grade 3, when time is studied. Only analog watches with clear numbers are permitted, because unlike digital watches they actually require time-telling skills.

Performance and Concert Attire

The focal point of all school performances is the work of the students, not their clothing. Unless otherwise specified, attire for school performances is as follows:

- Concerts: White tops with long or short sleeves, black or navy pants or skirts, and dress shoes.
- School Performances/Assemblies and Picture Day: Children must be dressed in accordance with the dress code, and should be wearing clothing that they would wear for special occasions.