

XIII. DRESS CODE

The administration, faculty and staff at the **Hartford Magnet Middle School** believe in the development of the whole child. Studies have shown that school uniform or dress code offers the following benefits: a positive school image, a positive effect on classroom discipline, reduced peer pressure among students, positive school spirit, and increased student safety. These benefits have a direct correlation to our school's mission statement. In efforts to promote these attributes, the administration and student body at HMMS have adopted the following dress code:

- **HMMS short or long sleeve polo shirt-** shirts must be purchased through the school. Shirts must be **tucked** inside of skirt or pants.
- **Casual or Dress Pants or walking length shorts** (Dockers, Twill, or Chino) in **solid khaki, navy, or black colors only**. Belts must be worn. Jeans, overalls, sweatpants, velour, or any other athletic pants and tight fitting or sagging pants **will not** be allowed!
- **Girls** may also wear skirts, shorts or jumpers that are not more than 5 inches from the middle of the knee (front and back).
- **Navy** sweaters or vests may be worn over the uniform shirt for warmth. They may be purchased through the school or on your own. Jerseys and other logo shirts or sweaters are **not** allowed. In addition, a turtleneck shirt may be worn under the polo shirt. (Navy blue, White, or Gold).
- **Footwear-** choice of dress shoes, sneakers or low cut boots. For safety, open toed shoes are not allowed.

The following attire is **prohibited**:

1. Facial rings/facial piercing
2. Cosmetics and make up
3. Jeans, overalls, sweatpants, pajamas, athletic wear, tight fitting leggings, or any other clothing which reveal the upper thigh or undergarments
4. Shorts, skirts, or jumpers that are more than five (5) inches above the knee
5. Tee shirts, "belly" shirts, tank, halter or tube tops, and/or spaghetti straps
6. Attire which reveals the stomach, chest, the bottom of the back, or undergarments and see-through clothing
7. Attire with slogans, names, titles or the like which are derogatory towards a person(s), group(s), or the school (or other organization)
8. Attire or accessories that promote the use of drugs, alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco products
9. Coats, jackets, or other attire normally worn as outerwear
10. Head coverings of any kind not medically or religiously affiliated. The term "head coverings," includes but is not limited to scarves, bandannas, masks, kerchiefs, athletic headbands, caps or hoods
11. Wearing more than one pair of pants at a time
12. Hoop earrings larger than 2" in diameter

Students whose attire does not conform to these standards will be referred to the administration