

Holicong Dress Code Policy

In order to create a positive school culture and ensure a learning community, Holicong communicates and enforces a dress code policy for all students. At Holicong we do want our students to be able to express their individuality, but it cannot be a deterrent to the learning environment. The reality is that at times student dress can be a delicate topic between students and staff, and that is why it is imperative that we clearly communicate these standards and expectation to both students and parents in advance so you can plan appropriately for the coming school year.

What are some essential considerations relating to student dress?

- The overwhelming numbers of Holicong students are always dressed appropriately for school.
- Holicong is fortunate to be a climate-controlled building (including air conditioning) for comfort.
- Students are asked to show consideration of others; display respect and responsibility; to dress in attire that is modest and tasteful; to help maintain the most productive academic atmosphere possible.

Does Holicong have a dress code?

- Holicong has dress standards which follow the guidelines of Central Bucks School District Policy #218: “Students are to dress and groom to meet community standards of safety, health and decency.”

What are some examples of clothing which are not appropriate for school?

- Hats of any type (prohibited during the school day; placed in lockers during the school day)
- Jackets/Coats (placed in lockers during the school day)
- Clothing with messages or pictures which show drug or alcohol symbols/products, cigarette advertisement, sexual innuendo, violence or hate
- Clothing which allows undergarments to show
- Backless/Strapless dresses
- Tops which expose midriffs
- Tops which are cut low and are revealing
- Tops which expose the maximum of the tops of shoulders (spaghetti straps, halter tops, tank tops)
- Shorts which are cut excessively high
- Skirts and skorts which are extremely short or tight
- Low riding pants (which lower even more when sitting in classroom chairs)
- Unsafe adornments (e.g., hanging chains, spiked bracelets, spiked necklaces)

Where does responsibility lie in upholding dress standards?

- It is the mutual responsibility (school and home working together) to teach and monitor the values of dressing for success. The primary impetus, of course, comes from home.

Where are the standards of student dress applicable?

- Acceptable standards for dress, grooming and modesty are adhered to on school grounds, on school buses, at school dances and other school sponsored activities.

What will occur if a student is not dressed appropriately?

- The student will be directed to comply by using gym apparel, items in the student’s locker, or clothing borrowed from the school or another student. If the student cannot find an appropriate change of clothing, the parent will be called to bring clothing to school. At events outside the regular school day (e.g. dances), the parent will be called to escort the child home.

We hope this information is helpful in discussions with your child, particularly as the selection begins on back-to-school clothing. Your understanding, assistance and support are most appreciated.