

STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE POLICY

Antelope Valley Union High School District / Highland High School

Highland High School students will adhere to the following guidelines for student dress on campus and at school-related activities off campus:

Note: Exceptions may be made for team uniforms with administrative approval.

PANTS, SHORTS

1. Pants and shorts must be worn at waist level and must fit at the waist. No sagging or low-riding will be permitted.
2. Pants and shorts must be worn right side out, hemmed and cannot be ragged or torn. Non-factory produced cuffs are not allowed. Cutoff shorts are not allowed.
3. Shorts extending below the knee when worn with over-the-calf socks are prohibited.
4. Non-manufactured creases in pants or shorts are not allowed.
5. Hemlines and slits on shorts above mid-thigh are not acceptable.
6. Bib pants or shorts must be fastened over both shoulders.
7. Pants shall not drag on the ground.

SHIRTS, BLOUSES, TOPS

1. Shirts or other clothing that depicts any “gang-style” writing, illegal activity, sexually-related or obscene gestures, pictures, logos, insignias, or wording; use or abuse of tobacco, drugs or alcohol; words, pictures, or phrases that depict violence or intimidation may not be worn; or pose a threat to the physical well-being and safety of the students or others shall not be worn on campus or at any school-related activities.
2. Shirts cannot be buttoned at the top while unbuttoned at the bottom.
3. All shirts and tops must cover the midriff at all times.
4. The following shirts and tops are prohibited: tank tops, strapless, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder, cut-out designs, low-cutshirts, bare-back shirts and sheer or mesh clothing without a blouse or shirt underneath.
5. Undergarments worn under shirts, blouses, or tops must not be visible.
6. Non-manufactured creases in shirts are not allowed.
7. Sports jerseys, other than school jerseys, are not allowed.

SHOES

1. All students are required to wear appropriate footwear/shoes.
2. Slipper-type shoes steel-toed boots, and thongs/flip-flops and inappropriate writing on shoes are not allowed.
3. Only black, white, or brown shoelaces are permitted.
4. Black, red, or blue athletic shoes worn in combination with clothing of the same color are not allowed.

SKIRTS, JUMPERS, ONE-PIECE DRESSES

1. Hemlines and slits on skirts, jumpers or one-piece dresses above mid-thigh are not acceptable.
2. Transparent skirts/dresses and/or strapless or backless dresses are not allowed.

HEADWEAR

1. Only Highland High School approved headwear are allowed on campus.
2. Hats must be worn with bills forward.
3. No writing is permitted on a hat except the owner's name on the underside of the bill.
4. No headbands, scarves, (associated with gang attire), bandanas, do-rags, hairnets, combs, curlers, rubber bands, clips, hair picks, or plastic bags may be worn or “displayed” by students.
5. Hats may be worn inside the classroom or office **ONLY** with the permission of the instructor or office personnel.
6. During inclement winter weather, solid color beanies may be worn.

BELTS

1. Belts must be worn snugly without the ends hanging down.
2. Belt buckles must be free of any initials or inappropriate designs.
3. No studded belts and no spikes on belts.

CHAINS

1. Students may wear appropriate chains around their necks as jewelry.
2. Chains attached to wallets or hanging from a student's pants or shorts are not allowed.
3. Spiked collars or accessories are not allowed

EARRINGS/JEWELRY

Any body piercing that presents a safety or major distraction will not be allowed.

SUNGLASSES

Sunglasses may be worn on campus, but not in the classroom.

BOOK BAGS

Book bags/backpacks may be any color and identified with only the name of the student. Book bags/backpacks must be free of any other writing or graffiti.

TATTOOS

Tattoos that depict or suggest illegal activity; sexually related or obscene gestures; logos, insignias, or wording that poses a threat to the physical well-being and safety of students or others; or creates a "gang like" image which may provoke others to acts of violence, shall not be visible at school or at any school-sponsored activity.

ADDITIONAL INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE

1. Attire that may cause student unrest is not allowed.
2. Clothing with writing other than the original factory-produced letters and patterns is not allowed.
3. Clothing that represents gangs, racist/hate groups, or groups on campus not officially approved by Highland High School are not allowed.
4. Any clothing or styles of dress that may be construed to provoke fear, violence, or intimidation, including gang-related attire, is not acceptable.
5. Any clothing typically worn for sleep is unacceptable school attire.
6. Gang or tagger-crew writing on shoes, clothes or body, backpacks or accessories are not permitted.
7. Excessive color identities in combination with other gang attire are prohibited.
8. No handcuffs, safety pins and needles are permitted on campus.
9. Clothing resembling law enforcement or security personnel is strictly prohibited.

Highland High School recognizes that students have a right to show their individuality by the clothes they choose to wear. We do feel, however, that the school has a responsibility to establish basic guidelines that are both reasonable and fair. Part of the school's responsibility is to prepare students to enter the work place with an idea of employer expectations. Good attendance, being at work on time and a reasonable dress standard will be expected by an employer.