

Dress Code for Students JFA 2022-2023

The JFA dress code is established to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus and to avoid any disruptions to the learning environment. Jones Futures Academy dress code requires neat, clean, and appropriate dress and grooming. While we do not have a uniform policy, students are required to adhere to our dress code policy. Students should be dressed in such a manner that their appearance in the school contributes to the learning process, doesn't interrupt the learning process, and represents our school in a positive manner. The dress code is always in effect while on the campus or while attending any HISD/Jones Futures Academy sponsored event. The appropriateness of dress code items **NOT** expressly included or addressed in this document will be determined by the principal or her designee(s) on a case by case basis. *This dress code is a working document and is subject at any time to change as deemed appropriate (SDMC)*.

Daily Dress Code

- o Jones Futures Academy provided student ID must always be worn around the neck on a lanyard.
- o Students must bring a school issued fully charged laptop in its case every day.
- o Slippers, pajamas, nor blankets may not be worn at school. Neither stuffed animals nor pillows are to be carried.
- o Headwear worn for religious purposes is acceptable and must be communicated with Mr. Subonji.
- o Sunglasses are not permitted. Headphones and earbuds should not be worn in hallways and classrooms between 7:50 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. Headphones and earbuds may be used on assignments in the classroom when permitted by the teacher.
- o Students may not wear slides or flip flops. Students must wear closed toe shoes that cover the entire foot as required.

Shirts/Tops

- Polo shirts and T-shirts without any derogatory or inappropriate logos or writings. Principal or designees reserve the right to determine appropriateness of shirts. School shirts are available for purchase by PTO.
- Approved school club/team shirts/college shirts are acceptable.
- Shirts may not be altered, cut, frayed or refashioned in any way.
- Shirts must cover the entire midriff area and may not expose chest area or cleavage.
- Shirts must overlap pants by two inches; midriffs may not be visible when arms are raised.
- Dresses and blouses may not be backless or off the shoulder, and they must have full sleeves.
- Students may not wear tank tops, racer back shirts, spaghetti-strapped shirts or off the shoulder shirts.
- Shirts may not be excessively large.
- Shirts must be worn under sweaters, windbreakers or jackets.

• We are very flexible with uniforms but if you would like to purchase a shirt, please let us know.

Pants/Skirts/Shorts

- Yoga Pants, Jeggings/Leggings may **NOT** be worn in the place of appropriate pants.
- Pants, skirts, and shorts must be worn at the natural waist and be of proper length.
- Shorts must be at knee length.
- All pants, skirts and shorts must fit properly and not be exceedingly loose or baggy.
- Skirt hemlines must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Leggings may be worn under skirts but appropriate skirt length must still be observed.
- Oversized, undersized or torn pants, skirts or shorts may not be worn.
- Stripes, embroidery, patterns, logos, fray, holes, rips, distressed, acid wash, bleached are not permitted.
- Nylon, fleece or athletic wear of any kind may not be worn.
- Tights are not permitted unless under a skirt.

Business Casual Wear (Juniors/Seniors)

- Official scrubs
- Trousers, slacks, knee-length skirts.
- Polo, long or short sleeve button down shirt.
- Solid colors or small print.
- Sweaters, vest
- Close-toed shoes
- No tight-fit clothing

Shoes

- Only rubber soled shoes
- Shoes with rollers or wheels are not permitted.
- Students may not wear backless shoes, clogs, house shoes, sandals, flip flops, aqua socks or slippers.
- Any shoe deemed dangerous, inappropriate or distracting by the administration will not be allowed.

Hair/Head Coverings

- A variety of hair coloring and styles are acceptable, provided they do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Hair rollers, combs, hair picks and other hair accessories deemed dangerous by the administration are not allowed.
- Haircuts/styles depicting gang signs, symbols, profanity, obscenities, or any other inappropriate message or lettering are not allowed.

• No baseball caps, bandanas, wave cap, do-rags, knitted hats, bonnets, or sweatbands may be worn. These must be placed out of sight (backpack, etc.) upon entering the building. <u>Hats may be confiscated by administration for repeated violations and will only be returned to a parent or guardian.</u>

Jewelry

- Jewelry may be worn as long as it is not deemed inappropriate, dangerous or disruptive to the learning environment. This includes large dangle earrings, heavy bracelets/necklaces, spiked accessories, dog collars, choker chains, wallet chains and any other similar items. This rule also applies to jewelry depicting the occult, gang affiliation, death, suicide, violence, weapons, drugs, sex, gender, profanity, obscenities, alcohol, etc. or any other image as deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- Mouth grills will not be allowed.
- Expensive or irreplaceable jewelry should not be worn to school. In laboratory settings, teachers may prohibit the wearing of dangling or protruding articles or accessories. Jones Futures Academy will not be responsible for jewelry items that are lost or stolen—all jewelry articles worn to school are at the student's/parent's risk.

Accessories

- Belts and/or belt buckles may be any color **except solid red or blue** and must fit properly with no hanging ends. Belts/belt buckles may not display any profane or vulgar images or those depicting the occult, gang affiliation, death, suicide, violence, weapons, drugs, sex, gender, profanity, obscenities, alcohol, etc. or other images as deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- Oversized purses, bags, duffle, etc. will not be allowed. Any bag larger than a standard backpack will be considered oversized. Bags may be any color or combination of colors **except solid red or blue** and must not have any images depicting the occult, gang affiliation, death, suicide, violence, weapons, drugs, sex, gender, profanity, obscenities, alcohol, etc. or other images as deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- Sunglasses, oversized glasses, or any other eye wear that is not medically necessary are not allowed and will be considered disruptive to the educational process.
- Students must wear JFA IDs while in the building.

Masks

- Masks are optional for all students, staff and essential visitors. HISD will continue to monitor conditions and work closely with local public health officials to ensure the district is prioritizing the safety of our students and staff.
- Masks must not contain inappropriate graphics or profanity. Bandanas and gaiters are not allowed.

Winter Clothing

- Sweatshirts, windbreakers, hooded sweatshirts and jackets may be worn inside the building and classrooms.
- Sweatshirts, windbreakers, hooded sweatshirts and jackets may be any color or combination of colors but **may NOT be solid red or blue.**
- Sweatshirts, windbreakers, hooded sweatshirts and jackets must fit appropriately and may not have any images depicting the occult, gang affiliation, death, suicide, violence, weapons, drugs, sex, race, gender, profanity, obscenities, alcohol, etc. or other images as deemed inappropriate by the administration.
- Athletic wear such as sweatpants, Yoga pants, jogging suits, running pants/shorts etc. are **not allowed**, regardless of weather conditions.

Cell phone policy

- Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the instructional day.
- Students may use cell phones in the mornings before the first bell, as well as during the lunch time and after school dismissal.
- Cell phones should not be visible in the classrooms or during the passing periods.
- Teachers may allow students to use cell phones for instructional purposes only, and the activity must be monitored by the classroom teacher.
- In the case of an emergency, students will be allowed to come to the administrative office and make a phone call.
- The consequence for not following cell phone policy may result in a warning, removal of the cell phone by teachers or administrators, including but limited to \$15.00 fee. The cell phone will be returned to a parent, and the parent is the only person who may retrieve the cell phone. In addition, repeated offenders will be assigned after school detention or be subject to other disciplinary action.

JFA administration reserves the right to evaluate all dress code articles on a case by case basis and make determinations based on the safety and best interest of all educational stakeholders. Students violating the dress code will be asked to call a parent or guardian to bring appropriate clothing. If students are unable to comply with the dress code policy, the student will be referred to an administrator for disciplinary action determined by the administrator.