

Puget Sound Skills Center

Highline School District

Expectations for Student Appearance

The Highline School District and school staff believe that learning best occurs in a positive atmosphere. To that end, we ask all of our students to help create that environment. Dress and appearance play a significant role in creating a comfortable place for all students. In an effort to promote this safe and comfortable atmosphere, all clothing and tattooing should be non-offensive to all staff and students. They must be free from vulgarity, profanity, drug and alcohol advertising, and gang affiliation. In addition, all attire, including body piercing, must not present health or safety problems, or cause disruption to the educational process. The administration reserves the right to restrict appearance and attire with special consideration for safety, health, or disruptive issues.

To that end, students should report to school each day neat and clean. Appearance expectations will be enforced throughout the campus. Appearance which causes disruption of the educational process or presents health or safety issues will not be allowed. The following appearance expectations are for all Highline School District schools and activities.

- Clothes should be clean and in good repair. Clothing with holes is not acceptable at school.
- Shoes should be worn at all times.
- Hats should not be worn at school or at school functions, and must be stored in lockers.
- Clothing or tattooing with inappropriate language or any reference to tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or gang affiliation (including bandanas) is not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be long enough to maintain modesty while standing or sitting. These items should reach mid-thigh.
- Shirts should meet the waistband of skirts or pants, even when students move or bend. Shirts that are midriff in length and tank tops that have straps that fail to cover undergarments are inappropriate.
- Pants should not have to be held up with a hand when walking. The waistband of the pants must be worn at the waist.
- Heavy, bulky winter-type coats are not to be worn in classrooms.
- Piercings must not present health or safety issues to the individual or other students.
- Large chains, whether worn as necklaces or on wallets, spiked collars or cuffs should not be worn to school.

Our goal is to create a positive learning environment. While our student population is at an age of experimentation, working very hard at trying to define their own personal style, we encourage appropriate judgment.