

Gateway Pointe School Policies

Dress Code (Please consult the HUSD Student Handbook for the full policy)

Dress code will be enforced at all times, including before and after school, at school events and at off campus school activities (e.g. field trips, community service, visits to other campuses, etc.). Higley Unified School District Dress Code Policy states: "Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others." The dress code is meant to "minimize disruption and increase student safety. School administrators will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of a student's appearance while the student is at school."

Basic policies:

- No clothing that exposes from the chest to the buttocks (and upper thigh) while standing/sitting/bending including low cut blouses.
- Shirt and top straps must be at least 1.5 inches wide: no halter tops or spaghetti straps.
- Pants/shorts and hems must cover the buttocks and a modest area of the legs with a minimum 3" inseam
- No clothing made of see-through fabric or that exposes underwear.
- Only hats and visors (in their original unaltered condition*see below) are allowed at school.
- Students must remove their hats/visors when in a building and when requested to do so by administration/faculty/staff.
- Bandanas, hairnets, knit stocking caps, etc. are not allowed at school.
- Accessories, notebooks, backpacks, etc. may not display these prohibited messages/graphics.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Safety requirements for specific classes such as physical education, field trips, and science and must be followed. Flip flops are discouraged
- No jewelry that presents a safety hazard to self or others is allowed (e.g. chains, spiked collars/wristbands, body pierced jewelry, etc.)
- Gang clothing/paraphernalia, drawings/signs are prohibited on school property, in school vehicles and at school activities.
- Pajama bottoms and slippers are prohibited. Pajama bottoms may be worn on designated spirit days.
- Shorts and leggings should be worn under skirts
- Make up that is inappropriate or distracting towards the learning environment is prohibited
- Any items that administration deems inappropriate, suggestive, distractive, or poses a safety hazard will be prohibited
- *Clothing items may not create an atmosphere of threat, intimidation or undue pressure.
- *Clothing may not display or suggest obscene, sexual, or violent language/symbols, feelings of discrimination or satanic markings.
- *Clothing may not display or advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco or any illegal or controlled substance or item.

Cell phones/personal music/gaming devices (from the HUSD Student Code of Conduct)

- To keep the learning environment free from distraction, cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted for use on campus during the school day. All cell phones should be kept in the student back pack during the day
- The District (teacher, principal, etc.) may temporarily confiscate cell phones and/or other electronic equipment if the student's possession or use of the item is causing a disruption to the educational environment and the student has failed to comply with verbal direction from an adult to cease the disruption.
- The teacher will take the phone on the 1st offense. The principal will receive it if the situation continues.
- Generally, the item will be returned to the student or the parent at the conclusion of the school day.

Computer Usage (Please consult the HUSD Student Code of Conduct)

- a. Students have access to computers and the Internet at school for educational purposes only.
- b. Students may not access websites that are not being used for education or for their assignment.
- c. Teachers may temporarily curtail computer usage if a student does not follow directions.
- d. The district may permanently remove student privileges if the student breaks the agreement.

Food/Drinks/Candy

- a. Food/drink will be consumed in Cafetorium only.
Exception: a medical reason (which requires a note).
- b. Water (in a clear/colorless container) is the only beverage allowed in the classroom/halls.
- c. There will be NO FOOD, DRINKS OR GUM/CANDY.
- d. Gateway is a GUM-FREE campus – no gum is allowed ANYWHERE on campus.

Movement on campus

Please be considerate after you leave the classroom: sound carries and other classes are in session.

- a. WALK SOFTLY, SPEAK QUIETLY, MOVE GENTLY.
- b. Please keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- c. When walking in the hall, **stay to the right (like a car in traffic)**.
- d. Please walk with only one or two others so that traffic is not blocked.
- e. Please walk facing forward so you can see where you are going.
- f. If you must stop, please move to the side so others may pass.
- g. Use manners if you need to pass someone.
- h. When moving between classes (including outside) please walk and talk with consideration.
- i. "HORSEPLAY" will not be tolerated in the classroom, halls, in other buildings or outside.
- j. Running, jumping on, pushing, throwing backpacks (or other items) is not allowed.

Bullying

Bullying is a repeated pattern of unwanted aggressive behavior by one student or a group of students towards another student. It involves an imbalance of power with the more powerful child or group attacking those who are less powerful

There are three ways in which bullying can occur:

- Verbal- making threats, teasing, and name calling
- Physical- pushing, hitting, kicking, spitting, or stealing.
- Psychological- social exclusion, spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships.

Consequences:

1. Students who have been bullying others will meet with the school counselor to discuss behaviors and will be given a verbal warning.
2. Students who continue to harass and bully others after their initial warning will meet with administration. Consequences for second offense will be appropriately assigned per the HUSD Student Code of Conduct.

Attendance

Since full and active participation is essential for success in these courses, regular attendance is required. School policy will be strictly adhered to regarding tardies and unexcused absences. For everyday a student is absent they will have an additional day to make up their work

Contact Information

School Office:	279-7700	District Office:	279-7000
Health Office:	279-7715	Food Services:	279-7120
Attendance:	279-7712	Transportation:	279-7130

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