



HFA Students and Families:

Friday is Town Hall and the day before Halloween. We know many students are interested in dressing up in their most “Boo”-tiful attire. :-) Please note that HFA supports students in having fun, safe and inclusive activities. In keeping with that, here are a few important notes and guidelines:

- Students **MAY wear costumes.**
- Costumes must still **match the spirit of the HFA dress code. Students wearing unacceptable costumes will not be able to attend classes or may have to go home unless the issue is changed.**
 - Exposure of intimate areas of the body is still prohibited, even with a costume. Bare midriff, high- or low-cut clothing, sheer fabrics and similarly exposing attire are **not acceptable** for costumes worn in school.
- Costumes **cannot include representations of illegal or prohibited items.**
 - Replicas of weapons, or images of/references to illegal or prohibited items (e.g. drugs, alcohol, sexually suggestive material) are also unacceptable in costuming choices. Professions connected to these kinds of activities should not be replicated in a student costume.
- Masks and head coverings can be worn **during the Town Hall ONLY.**
 - While students are in the hallways, classrooms or in other places within the campus, students are not allowed to cover their heads or faces, dramatically paint their face or put on anything that disguises their identity. School safety reasons are involved.
- Costume choices **MUST respect the identities of other people and groups.**
 - The theme of student costumes should not mimic or make light of important aspects of cultures *that are not your own*. No student costume should stereotype or otherwise poorly represent the identities of others. There are **PLENTY** of costume choices students can make that do not diminish other people or groups. It is an HFA requirement that we **contribute to each other’s safety and sense of belonging**—even when choosing a costume and having fun.
- Not everyone will participate; let others make the **choices** that are right for them.

HFA traditions include **candy prizes for best costume**. So, if you are getting dressed up for Halloween, bring your best! We look forward to you having a good time at the Town Hall and being spirited and appropriate while doing so!

–HFA Administration