

## Dress Code and Appearance

We hold the conviction that genders should remain distinct and separate in appearance; and one's appearance should not conform to worldly styles that would compromise one's Christian reputation. Women should do nothing that reduces their femininity, while men should never carry themselves in a way that detracts from their masculinity. With our dress code, we endeavor to create an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Students' attitudes are influenced by their appearance; therefore, students should be dressed appropriately to maximize their performance and behavior.

In seeking to implement a dress code use which is honoring to God, easy to follow, and easy to apply, the administration of HCS has chosen to implement a "uniform" dress code. HCS's standard of dress seeks to follow three guiding principles: modesty, distinction, and appropriateness.

- **Modesty:** refers to decency and properness of dress; in application, this principle refers to not wearing clothing that calls undue attention to or exposes too much of the body (1 Tim. 2:9).
- **Distinction:** men and women should look distinct from each other (Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:1-16), and Christians should be distinct from the world (Rom. 12:2).
- **Appropriateness:** wearing attire appropriate to the setting or activity (1 Cor. 14:40)

Students are expected to abide by the dress code at all times when on campus or at a school function off campus. This applies when students are spectators, not just when they are directly involved in an activity.



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**Example: Acceptable Sweatshirts (worn with uniform polo)**



**Example: Unacceptable Sweatshirts**



**Example: Acceptable Male Pants**



**Example: Unacceptable Male Pants**



**Example: Acceptable Shirts**



**Example: Unacceptable Shirts**



## BOYS

Bottoms	Shirts	Hair, Jewelry, & Shoes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Uniform pants should be purchased through French Toast or similar retailer (slim or straight fit; khaki, navy, gray, black)</li><li>▪ No jeans/denim, athletic, skinny leg, camouflage, jogger, or above-the-ankle styles</li><li>▪ Must be modest and loose fitting (<i>Loose: “not fitting to your body: not tight,” Merriam-Webster</i>)</li><li>▪ Must wear a belt</li><li>▪ No sagging pants</li><li>▪ Must be free of holes, patches, or shredding</li><li>▪ Boys K5-6<sup>th</sup> grade may wear knee-length uniform shorts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Official HCS uniform polo shirts</li><li>▪ Must be tucked in</li><li>▪ Sweaters or pullovers must be a dressy style and be worn over an official HCS uniform polo.</li><li>▪ HCS sweatshirts, ¼ zips, and hoodies may be worn (must have HCS logo); must have HCS uniform polo underneath.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Hair must be neatly cut above the eyebrows and should not be touching the ears and shirt collar.</li><li>▪ No hairstyles rising above 3 inches tall</li><li>▪ No extreme tapering or hair art, and only natural tones</li><li>▪ No earrings, bracelets, or visible neck chains</li><li>▪ Face must be cleanshaven; no beards or mustaches; sideburns should not come below the bottom of the ear.</li><li>▪ Casual, tennis, or dress shoes</li><li>▪ No flip-flops, crocs, beach shoes, or slippers</li></ul>
Casual Attire	PE Classes	Friday: Spirit Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ PE class, field trips (unless dressy-casual clothes are required for the event), and afterschool activities.</li><li>▪ No hats in the building</li><li>▪ Pants and shorts must adhere to the loose-fitting rules listed above.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ HCS t-shirts (junior high &amp; high school)</li><li>▪ Athletic pants / knee-length shorts</li><li>▪ Tennis shoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ HCS t-shirts or sweatshirts</li><li>▪ Standard uniform pants</li></ul>

**Example: Acceptable Female Pants & Dresses/Skirts**



**Example: Unacceptable Female Pants**



## GIRLS

Jumpers and Skirts	Pants	Shirts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be purchased through French Toast</li> <li>▪ Must come to the knee or below the knee when standing and sitting</li> <li>▪ Must be modest and loose fitting (<i>Loose: “not fitting to your body: not tight,” Merriam-Webster</i>)</li> <li>▪ Uniform skirts must be worn with official HCS uniform polo purchased through French Toast; jumpers may be worn with a plain t-shirt</li> <li>▪ Must be free of holes, patches, or shredding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be a dressy-casual uniform style purchased through French Toast (or similar retailer)</li> <li>▪ No jeans/denim, low-rise, athletic, knit, spandex, camouflage, skinny leg, clingy, pajama, or above-the-ankle styles</li> <li>▪ Must be modest and loose fitting (<i>Loose: “not fitting to your body: not tight,” Merriam-Webster</i>)</li> <li>▪ Must be free of holes, patches, or shredding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must wear collared shirts purchased through French Toast</li> <li>▪ Necklines must be no lower than three-finger length from the collarbone</li> <li>▪ Must be long enough to touch the hipbone</li> <li>▪ Must cover all undergarments</li> </ul> <p>*HCS t-shirts are permitted on Fridays.</p>
Shoes	Hair & Jewelry	Appearance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Casual shoes and tennis shoes</li> <li>▪ No flip-flops in elementary (due to playground safety)</li> <li>▪ No crocs, water shoes, beach shoes, or slippers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hair must be natural tones.</li> <li>▪ Unnatural highlights should not be excessive.</li> <li>▪ No more than two earrings in each ear</li> <li>▪ No body piercings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clothing, hair, jewelry, and accessories must reflect a feminine appearance.</li> <li>▪ No tattoos</li> <li>▪ Dressy-casual appearance during class hours</li> </ul>
Casual Functions	PE Classes	Casual Attire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PE class</li> <li>▪ Field trips (unless dressy-casual clothes are required for the event)</li> <li>▪ Afterschool activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HCS t-shirts (junior high &amp; high school)</li> <li>▪ Athletic pants / knee-length shorts or capris</li> <li>▪ Tennis shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No jeans/denim, knit, spandex, yoga, skinny leg, clingy, or pajama styles</li> <li>▪ Pants and shorts must adhere to the loose-fitting rules listed above.</li> <li>▪ No sleeveless shirts</li> </ul>