

# 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:** 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.

In order to accomplish this uniform standard of dress, HCS has partnered with French Toast to provide school uniforms. Every student must purchase HCS uniform polos through French Toast. Uniform pants may be purchased from French Toast or other retailers that offer uniform bottoms, provided they meet HCS's standard of dress.

## Uniform Links:

- [HCS Uniform Webstore](#)
- [The Children's Place Uniform Shop](#)
- [Old Navy Uniform Shop](#)
- [Target Uniform Shop](#)

## BOYS

| Bottoms  | Shirts   | Hair, Jewelry, & Shoes  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Uniform pants should be purchased through French Toast or approved retailer (slim or straight fit; khaki, navy, gray, black)</li><li>▪ No jeans/denim, athletic, skinny leg, camouflage,</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></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></ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>jogger, or above-the-ankle styles</li> <li>▪ Must be modest and loose fitting (<i>Loose: “not fitting to your body: not tight,”</i> Merriam-Webster)</li> <li>▪ Must wear a belt</li> <li>▪ No sagging pants</li> <li>▪ Must be free of holes, patches, or shredding</li> <li>▪ K5-6<sup>th</sup> grade may wear knee-length uniform shorts (<a href="#">See Examples</a>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Official 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>▪ 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> |
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| Casual Attire  | PE Classes  | Friday: Spirit Day  |
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| <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> |

## GIRLS

| Jumpers and Skirts  | Pants  | Shirts   |
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| <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,”</i> Merriam-Webster)</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,”</i> Merriam-Webster)</li> <li>▪ Must be free of holes, patches, or shredding (<a href="#">See Examples</a>)</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   |
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| <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> |



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