

# School Uniforms: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

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. Many uniform shops offer drawstring pants. Elementary boys may wear these and forego a belt (no "jogger" or cargo style). If pants have beltloops, then a belt should be worn. Secondary boys must wear pants with beltloops and a belt.

At the start of school (Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>), students should be wearing uniform bottoms and striving for a "uniform look."

- Boys: Uniform pants in four main colors (khaki, navy, gray, black) and solid polos; elementary boys (K-6<sup>th</sup>) may wear loose-fitting, knee-length uniform shorts.
- Girls: Uniform pants/skirts and solid tops (do not have to wear polos until Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Outerwear:

- Students may wear their own jackets/coats.
- Students may wear HCS hoodies and sweatshirts every day of the week. This includes those bought from the uniform webstore this year, as well as previous years' hoodies,

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- Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>, all students must be in accordance with all aspects of the school uniform guidelines: uniform bottoms and an official HCS polo.
- Uniform bottoms do not have to be purchased from French Toast but must meet HCS guidelines described in the Parent-Student Handbook.
- Girls are not required to wear belts or tuck in their polo shirts, as long as their shirts are not excessively long or oversized.

Friday: School Spirit Day

- Since we are moving to uniforms, jeans will no longer be permitted on Fridays. Students should wear uniform bottoms but may wear a Hilltop t-shirt.
- With so much emphasis on school uniforms, we do not plan on using NZone to provide spirit wear as we have in the past. Students may continue to wear HCS spirit wear from previous years or may purchase an HCS t-shirt from French Toast. We will also have HCS PE shirts available for all students to purchase that may be worn on Fridays.

Samples

- Polos, pants, skirts, and jumpers have been ordered from French Toast in a variety of sizes. Once they come in, you may bring your student to the school to try them on to see how the items fit.
- Many parents have discovered that Amazon carries French Toast items. They have a "try before you buy" option that may be helpful as well.

Tips / Suggestions

- We advise getting biker shorts or leggings for girls to wear under their skirts and jumpers.
- Consider getting press-on labels with your child's name to put on the neck of your children's uniform clothing.

