

HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Student Dress Code



DRESS CODE

Our dress code is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness. The intent is that a student's appearance will not cause a distraction or disruption to the learning environment. Modesty is mentioned often as an important character quality (1 Timothy 2:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:5-6). In addition, dress is to be distinctively masculine and feminine, reflecting a wholesome appreciation for God's creative plan (Deuteronomy 22:5). As we determine to glorify the Lord in all we do (1 Corinthians 10:31), these qualities help us to do that in the area of dress.

GRADES K-8 GUIDELINES

All HCA students should exhibit modest and developmentally appropriate dress.

Any logo must be smaller than the size of a credit card.

Excessively tight fitting or baggy clothing is not permitted.

Hats or hoods are not to be worn inside the building.

Body piercing is not permitted (single ear piercing for a girl is permitted).

Unnaturally colored hair is NOT permitted.

Our uniform provider is Land's End, but you are welcome to shop in uniform sections at the local retail stores.

BOTTOMS

Colors are to be navy or khaki only.

Material of bottoms are to be woven (not knit) such as gabardine, twill and corduroy.

Slack style options can be loose-fitting, flat front or pleated dress slacks.

Cargo pants/shorts are permitted.

Shorts that are mid-thigh in length are permitted.

Low-rise and hip hugging pants are NOT permitted.

Jeans and athletic shorts/sweats are NOT permitted.

TOPS

Polo shirts/blouses must be collared and solid colored in white, gray, navy or light blue in short or long sleeves without a branding logo.

Layering with turtlenecks or crew-necks is permitted as long as all layers conform to color requirements while the outer layer conforms to shirt color and style requirements.

Sweaters can be crew-neck, v-neck or cardigan style or vests. They are to be navy, white or gray. Collared shirts/blouses are required under the sweater or vest.

HCA spirit wear, sweatshirts and athletic camp shirts are permitted any day.

SHOES/SOCKS

Athletic shoes in any colors are permitted.

Shoes with wheels, spinners or platforms are NOT permitted.

Shoes must be closed toed and closed heeled.

Shoes should be properly tied at all times. Velcro shoes are acceptable.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR GRADES K-4 GIRLS

Simple jewelry is permitted.

Skirts- solid khaki or navy (without slits) or Harvest plaid (available through [Lands End Uniform Store](#)) must be of modest (not more than 2" above the knee) length.

Skorts- solid khaki or navy (mid-thigh in length) are permitted.

Capri pants- solid khaki or navy are permitted.

Bike shorts or leggings in navy, white or gray must be worn under jumpers, skirts and skorts.

Jumpers- solid khaki or navy or Harvest plaid (available through [Lands End Uniform Store](#)) must be modest (not more than 2" above the knee) length.

One piece dress shirts without branding emblem are permitted in navy and gray.

CONSEQUENCES FOR GRADES K-8 DRESS CODE VIOLATION

The guidelines described above are not meant to be prescriptive, but merely reflects HCA's philosophy that students dress with modesty and are neatly groomed. We acknowledge the various styles of dress and the desire of students to dress "in style". We have attempted to bring variety in color, style, and selection of dress code pieces in order to provide some choice. The dress code compliance offers students the opportunity to show love for God through their obedience. We expect parents to support and enforce these dress code guidelines with their children. As such, the following consequences will be upheld for violating the HCA dress code policy (per trimester):

- Offense 1: Written warning by teacher.
- Offense 2: Parents are contacted – student to wait in office for parent to bring uniform adjustment or will be given clothing to wear for the day.
- Offense 3: Same as step two, and also a parent conference is held.
- Offense 4: Disciplinary action

GRADES 9-12 GUIDELINES

Clothing should be modest, neat and appropriate for the school environment.

Administration reserves the right to clarify the code with students from time to time.

MODEST

Clothing should not be tight, clingy or form fitting. Midriffs should not show. Necklines should not be revealing. The length of skirts or dresses should be knee length or lower. Shorts should extend beyond the fingertips. Shoulders should be covered; no spaghetti straps allowed. All undergarments must remain under clothing.

NEAT

Clothing should be in good repair. Belt lines for pants should not sag. Clothing with excessive tearing or rips are not permitted. Clothing should be clean. Hats or hoods are not to be worn inside the building.

APPROPRIATE

Writing on clothing which is inappropriate or brings undue attention are NOT permitted.

Pajama wear and sweat pants are NOT permitted.

Athletic pants and athletic shorts are NOT permitted.

Yoga pants, jeggings and tight leggings are NOT permitted

T-shirts designed to be undergarments (undershirts) should NOT be worn as outer garments.

Sweatshirts are permitted.

Footwear should be worn at all times.

FORMAL WEAR GUIDELINES

The administration will make every effort to clarify acceptable formal wear standards for special occasions, such as Homecoming, winter dances and Prom. Students who fail to adhere to formal wear standards may be asked to leave the formal event or be given something modest to wear during the event.

DRESS CODE INFRACTION PROCEDURE FOR UPPER SCHOOL

The purpose of a dress code is to motivate self-discipline in the areas of modesty, neatness and appropriateness. It is the responsibility of parents to help educate a student in appropriate dress. It is the responsibility of the student to make proper choices, which glorify the Lord.

When a dress code issue can be corrected immediately, the teacher will speak with the student concerning the issue and have the student make necessary corrections immediately.

If the dress code issue cannot be corrected immediately, the teacher will send the student to the Upper School office. The student will remain in the office until they are in compliance with the HCA dress code.

Continuous or blatant dress code infractions will result in:

- Offense 1: Warning
- Offense 2: Parents contacted
- Offense 3: Detention/Work hours
- Offense 4: Disciplinary action could include suspension

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES (GRADES 5-12)

Middle and Upper school students are required to change clothes for PE class. HCA requires a prescribed uniform for physical education. These uniform shorts and shirt may be purchased through Land's End Uniform Store. Our preferred school number is 900137142. Tennis shoes or athletic shoes must be worn.

Purchase gray essential t-shirt and navy mesh shorts. Both are required to have the HCA logo on them when purchased.