

Heritage Christian Academy

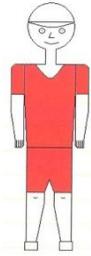
7th-12th Grade Dress Code

Guiding Principles

Heritage Christian Academy's dress code is intended to give a concrete, practical witness to the school's commitment to fulfill its stated aims to honor God. Our goal is to provide a learning environment where all students can concentrate and focus easily without being distracted by dress. **“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)



- A. The emphasis at HCA is on modesty, neatness, and appropriateness.
- B. Parents are expected to help their child follow the dress code to the best of their ability.
- C. Students must adhere to the dress code at school functions when appropriate (ie. Concerts, etc). Exceptions may be given for athletic games/practices, and formal events. These exceptions will be communicated to the appropriate students/parents before such events and enforced by administration.



The following specifications and interpretations ensure that the Guiding Principles are met:

Modesty

1. No visible undergarments at any time.
2. Pants/shorts:
 - **Boys and girls** may wear shorts that are no shorter than knee length.
 - **Boys and girls** may wear slim fitting garments, but not tight or form fitting.
3. Tops:
 - **Girls** tops should completely cover cleavage including when bending over. Girls may wear sleeveless shirts with a finished edge provided that the fabric at the shoulder is at least three fingertips in width. Tank tops are not permitted.
 - **Boys** are not permitted to wear sleeveless shirts.
4. Dresses/Skirts:
 - **Girls** may wear dresses/skirts provided that the hem falls to the top of the knee.

Neatness

1. Size appropriate clothing is expected at all times.
2. No holes/shredding in clothing or frayed hems.

Appropriateness

1. Footwear must be worn at all times.
2. Athletic shorts/pants are not permitted.
3. No hats or hoods are to be worn in the building during normal school hours.
4. Coats and jackets intended for warmth/outdoor use must be removed during the normal school day unless necessary for outdoor activity.
5. Clothing may have writing and graphics, provided there is no derogatory or double meaning words or phrases and no advertising that is in conflict with the standards of our school.
6. Industrial piercings, plugs, gauges, barbells, tattoos, and facial piercings are not permitted.

Personal Grooming

1. **Boys and Girls:** Hair must not be a distracting color.
2. **Boys:** Facial hair is not permitted. Hair must be styled to remain above the eyebrows and base of neck, and to always remain out of the eyes and face; sideburns and hair may not extend past the bottom of the ear. Ponytails and buns are not permitted. Earrings are not permitted.

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