

HCCA Uniform Policy

Our dress code is a uniform code policy that is important to the overall sense of unity in our Christian School environment. We believe that this uniform code enhances the learning atmosphere, creates school family unity, adds to a sense of pride and reduces the negative competition among students as well as reduces the amount of policing our staff has to do. ***We are able to focus on the heart of the child, virtuous and modest living while setting a standard that might be different from the worldly culture around.***

Students are expected to wear their uniform in a manner that portrays a positive, modest self-image of neatness and cleanliness in accordance with our beliefs that God has made students male and female; therefore, *they must dress according to their biological gender which we believe is in the image of God.*

Students are expected to be in the full appropriate uniform throughout the school day whether on campus, on field trips, or at other school events unless otherwise specified.

Uniforms may be purchased from Lands' End or Target. Anything purchased with a logo must come from Lands' End. Our school receives a percentage of the sales when families order from Lands' End. If purchasing from Lands' End **please use the code: 900193350** so that our school receives these benefits and so that you may also buy logo'd items if you would like.

Student Dress and Appearance (Uniforms for Grades K-8th)

(Jr. Kindergarteners have until 2nd semester to be in dress code; it is then they will begin making the transition. The 3-year-old class is not expected to dress in uniforms but may do so if the parents wish.)

Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I Corinthians 6:19-20 "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Students attending HCCA in grades K-8th are required to wear uniforms so that all students, regardless of their parents'/guardians' economic level, are equal in social appearance. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the proper uniforms are acquired and worn to school and school events. Uniforms are expected to be kept clean and neat in appearance.

Student's Uniform Dress

Pants:

Girls and Boys may wear solid color (Khaki tan/beige or Navy) long pants, plain or pleated front chino, active chino, stain resistant, cotton/poly blend, straight leg or boot cut. ***(No skinny jeans, sweatpants, warmup pants, knit styles, jeggings, joggers, pencil leg, low rise, leggings, tights, spandex material, pajama pants, painter/cargo pants, denim etc.)*** All pants should be worn at the waist, free of rips, tears, holes and frays. (A small manufacturer's label on the back is acceptable).

Shorts/Capris:

Girls and Boys may wear solid color chino or active chino style shorts (Khaki tan/beige or Navy). All shorts should be below the fingertips, worn at the waist, free of rips, tears, holes, and frays. Girls may wear capri pants in Khaki tan/beige or Navy.

Skirts/Skort/Jumpers:

Skirts/Skort/Jumpers (girl's only) must be khaki tan/beige or navy in color and be pleated or plain. Shorts must be worn under Skirts/Jumpers. ***Plaid skirt/skort/jumper may only be purchased through Lands' End.*** Any leggings or shorts worn under school uniforms must be solid in color and either be red, white, light blue, or navy.

Skirts/Skort/Jumpers must fit properly (not too tight or loose), be free of rips, frays, holes, be worn at the waist, and must not be more than 3 inches above the knee from the middle of the knee up. Any slits in skirts may not exceed 2 inches. Skorts and skirts may be purchased at Target or Lands' End.

Target Shopping: Jumpers must be the "Cat & Jack uniform woven jumper," "French Toast bow belt jumper" (beige or navy), or "French Toast Uniform Pleated." All jumpers must be worn with a white peter pan style shirt or short sleeve blouse in white or light blue. The only plaid accepted is from Lands' End. Dresses from Target must be "uniform performance" or "Cat & Jack short sleeved pleated uniform tennis dress" in light blue or red.

Shirts:

Shirts must be solid polo style in red, white, or **light** blue in color (no manufacturer's/emblem or logo unless purchased from Lands' End). They can be performance mesh, interlocking, pique, active, moisture wicking, stain resistant, and can be short sleeve or long sleeve. ***Shirts must be loose fitting and tucked in at all times for grades 2nd - 8th.***

All students in 2nd grade and above should have their shirts tucked in while at school. 1st grade students will be required to have their shirts tucked in after Christmas break each year. **Students may wear a solid red/white/navy HCCA logo'd or plain sweater, vest, or fleece while in class. An approved shirt or polo shirt must be worn under sweaters, vests or fleece.**

Jackets or coats **may not** be worn in the classroom or lunchroom, while at school. They may be worn to school and while on the playground. Logo'd sweatshirts/hoodies that are approved may be worn on dress down day in class. ***Again, Students must wear a uniform polo shirt (or HCCA t-shirt on Dress Down days) underneath any HCCA sweatshirt, HCCA hoodie or sweater while at school. The only hoodies acceptable at school will be HCCA logo'd hoodies.***

Girls' shirts should be loose-fitting, extend out to the shoulder joint, and must fully cover the back, midriff, and all undergarments. Girls should have their shirt tucked in or no skin showing at the waistline (via a tucked in cami).

Boys' shirts must be loose fitting and remain tucked in at all times.

Long shirts that are white/light blue/red may be worn under polo shirts when it is cold. **Long shirts must be plain with no wording or writings on the sleeves and no emblems on the chest.**

Dress Down Day:

Fridays will be deemed as a dress down day which may consist of nice jeans (no holes, rips, or tears) and approved school logo'd t-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts purchased from either Lands' End or sold through school. No jean shorts, or leggings may be worn. However, uniform code may still be worn or uniform bottoms (such as shorts, skorts, etc) may be worn with spirit wear on Fridays. Mesh gym shorts with the school logo purchased from Lands' End may be worn on dress down days only.

Spirit wear:

Spirit wear is that which has the school logo printed on it and approved from our Lands' End page or are pre-approved school t-shirts purchased/given through school such as Walkathon shirts (with school graphics/logo or mascot that have been approved by the administration). Uniform code may be worn on the bottoms as well as nice jeans (loose fitting, no holes, rips, or tears). No jean shorts, sweats, leggings, or other pants outside of long jeans on dress down day.

Shoes and Socks:

Socks should be solid colors (red, white, navy or black). Girls may wear tights, knee socks or socks over the ankle (red, white, black or navy) under dresses and skirts. No show socks may be worn. Dress shoes, casual shoes, tennis shoes and dress style sandals may be worn in school. Shoes must be solid in color: red, navy, brown, black or white. No light up shoes, heelys or crocs will be allowed.

Hair:

Girls' hair should be clean, neat, and appropriate in color. **No makeup, lipstick, eye shadow, mascara, eyeliner, or foundation is permitted.** At the most two small earrings per ear positioned in the lower lobe are allowed. No other body piercing or body art (including temporary tattoos) are allowed. Nails may not be excessively long. Headbands should coordinate with the school uniform; no bandanas or visible athletic or other logos. These regulations apply while at school and on HCCA sponsored events and field trips.

Boys' hair should be clean, neat, and appropriate in color. **It should be kept cut above the collar, ears and eyebrows.** No makeup, no earrings or other body piercing or body art (including temporary tattoos) are allowed. **No man buns or tying up the hair for boys.** The regulations apply while at school and on HCCA sponsored events and field trips.

Hats or head coverings should not be worn in the building. These regulations apply while at school and on HCCA sponsored events and field trips (unless Admin approved).

The way one dresses can have a significant effect upon the attitude of the student and the atmosphere of the classroom. Students wearing clothing or accessories that are deemed inappropriate or distracting to the learning environment will be asked to change. *The administrator reserves the right to make all final decisions on acceptable attire and personal appearance.* Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child's dress and appearance are appropriate for school and school events.

The HCCA Student Dress and Appearance Code is based on the following four principles: 1) Honoring God, 2) Modesty, 3) Limiting Distractions, and 4) School Unity.

Though uniforms make us LOOK the same, they do not MAKE us the same. Underneath our identical covers we have different hearts, different minds, different temperaments, and that is what makes us all different.

Psalm 139:14, "I will praise You, for I am Fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."

Please read over this aloud with your student. Please print, sign and return by Parent Night.

By signing below we are stating that we have read over the uniform dress code with our student(s) and agree to follow what has been asked of us:

Student Printed Name

Student Signature and Date

Parent(s) Printed Name

Parent(s) Initials and Date