

**2016-2017
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
DRESS CODE**

The following dress standards have modesty and neatness as their goal. They are our attempt to have uniformity in standards that will be equitable to everyone and enforceable by our faculty and administration. The uniform is basic in nature and helps establish a more formal atmosphere where learning is enhanced and relations are built upon character qualities rather than outward appearances. The attitude of both the parent and the student is the key to our success with these standards.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

1. Dress is to be in conformance with one's biological sex.
2. Shirts and blouses may be worn tucked or un-tucked, but must look neat and have a modest appearance. Only the top button may be left open.
3. Students are to leave school dressed according to all school standards unless otherwise given permission.
4. Final decisions about the appropriateness or modesty of clothing, hair, and physical appearance will be made by the administration. Parents will be notified when, in the judgment of the administration, a violation has occurred. Steps of correction will then be requested.
5. No monograms or brand name emblems are allowed on shirts, shorts, skirts, or pants except the HCS emblem available from the French Toast Catalog.
6. All specified shoes must have "non-scuffing" soles.
7. In order to protect the gymnasium floor finish, street shoes may not be worn on our gymnasium floor. Only those wearing shoes reserved for 'inside use only' will have access to the gymnasium floor.
8. We strongly recommend that all uniform items be labeled with students' names or initials.
9. Students may wear plain hoodies, hooded zip-up or crew neck sweatshirts in the colors of true red, white, navy blue, hunter green, yellow (not gold), gray (not dark gray), light blue or (for girls only) light pink (polo colors). A monogram no larger than a credit card is permitted on Middle and High School sweatshirts only.

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

High School students observe a “relaxed” dress code, rather than being limited to school uniforms. Students may wear casual slacks, including blue jeans (without holes) that meet HCS casual dress guidelines; shorts, dresses & skirts (knee-length); blouses; shirts (not t-shirts) in any color as long as the items are neat and are consistent with our general and modesty guidelines as specified in our dress code. Casual dress guidelines apply to all students, in all grades.

FOOTWEAR

- Casual or tennis shoes are permitted as well as crocs with straps I place on back of heel at all times; all shoes must have non-marking soles.
- Rain or snow boots worn to school must be stored in lockers & appropriate shoes worn during school time.
- Heels must be 2 inches or below for any type of footwear.
- Only ankle style boots (which look like shoes) are acceptable.
- No slides, clogs, flip flops, sandals, platform, plastic “jelly” shoes or skate shoes will be permitted.
- **No hard soled shoes will be permitted on the gym floor at any time.**

HAIR STANDARDS

- Rat tails, stripes, shaved cuts, or faddish styles are inappropriate.
- Hair is to be kept clean and combed neatly, out of the eyes with boys hair off the collar.
- Hair must be neat and well groomed.
- Highlighting of hair is fine, but extreme changes in natural color is not permissible. If in doubt, check with the administrator.

HEMLINES

Skirts, jumpers, dresses, shorts, and walking shorts are to be modest in length when walking or sitting. K5 through 4th grade girls shall wear shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Fifth through twelfth grade girls shall

wear their hemlines no shorter than the top of the knee and shorts no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

MAKEUP STANDARDS

Middle School girls may wear makeup in moderation. Elementary girls are not permitted to wear makeup other than sheer lip gloss or chap stick.

TRENDS

The following **are not acceptable** for students attending Heritage Christian School:

- * Body Piercing: Earrings for girls are to be confined to the ear lobe only. No cartilage earrings will be permitted.
- * Pierced ears for boys.
Tattoos (if students have already had a tattoo applied, it must be covered and not displayed during school hours or school functions.)

UNIFORM PIECES (APPLICABLE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS)

The following styles of shirts may be worn in solid colors of white, light blue, light yellow (not gold), true red, navy blue, light gray, or dark green (Hunter green in the JC Penney's catalog and green in the French Toast catalog—**not olive nor kelly green**): Girls may also wear light pink solid colored shirts. **NO** substitute colors will be permitted. **NO dazzled, bowed or laced collars/sleeves are permitted.**

Turtleneck, mock turtleneck, polo, collared dress shirt or blouse. (capped, short, $\frac{3}{4}$ length or long sleeved). No ribbon bow blouses may be worn. **NO T-shirt style shirts may be worn.**

The following styles of sweaters may be worn in solid colors of white, navy blue, dark green (as specified previously), true red, pale blue, light gray, or pale yellow.

One- color (no striping, no ribbon trim) crewneck, v-neck, cardigan, vest, zip front, hooded, turtleneck, ruffle-front cardigans, cable knit. Sweaters and vests must be worn with a uniform shirt. Cascade front cardigans are not permitted.

All walking shorts, pants and capris must be navy or khaki uniform style (as seen in the J C Penney & French Toast catalogs) with only pleated, elastic or flat front waists with no cargo look, no jeans, no corduroy and no mesh. Shorts may be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Jeggings, jogger pants and the French Toast pull on self belt pants are not permitted.

Only the polo dress as shown in the French Toast and JCPenney Catalogs is permitted.

Students in grades PK-5 may wear plain hoodies, crewneck and zip-up hooded sweatshirts in true red, navy blue, white, gray, light yellow (not gold), light blue, or dark green. Middle and high school students are permitted use of plain hooded, zip-up hooded or crewneck sweatshirts in these same colors with credit card size logo or smaller. Sweatshirts must be worn over a uniform shirt.

Casual or tennis shoes are permitted (including “cros” as long as the strap is in place on the heel). All shoes are to have non-scuffing soles. **NO** slides, clogs, flip-flops, sandals, platform or plastic shoes will be permitted; also, **NO hard soled shoes will be permitted on gym floor at any time.** White-soled shoes are preferred over black-soled shoes to preserve the finish on our tile.

APPLICABLE FOR GIRLS – K5 TO 8TH GRADE

Any one of the following socks/hosiery must be worn:

Tights or Socks (ankle, or knee high)- in solid colors of true red, white, khaki, dark green (as previously specified), navy blue, pale blue or pale yellow, light or medium gray, and pink:

“No show” athletic sock - colors are left to parental discretion as long as the pattern is appropriate and within our casual dress code guidelines.

Ankle-length leggings - **in white or navy blue only.**

Hosiery - Hosiery is an added option for girls in grades 6th-12th.

The following are other acceptable uniform options (they must be the same styles as what French Toast or JCPenney offer in their uniform catalogs, except the exceptions):

Girls, PK through 5th grade may wear solid colored navy blue or khaki jumpers (**no corduroy**) and the polo dress (French Toast) in approved uniform colors of **navy, white, red, hunter green, pale yellow, light blue, light pink and light gray.**

Girls K5 through 12th grade may wear plaid pleated skirts as found in the uniform section of French Toast (green plaid). All other plaids are unacceptable.

Khaki or navy skorts (**no corduroy**)

Navy blue or khaki skirts (**no corduroy**)

Capris, slacks in pleated-front or flat-front chino styles only (**NO pants or capris in “jeans”, low rider, corduroy or cargo styles (pants with pockets on the legs), jeggings or jogger pants are permitted.**)

Blouses (short, $\frac{3}{4}$ length or long-sleeved) – French Toast offers lace edged-collared blouses that are also permitted.

Shorts must be worn under skirts or jumpers at all times.

APPLICABLE FOR BOYS K5 THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Neckties may be worn in colors that complement the school uniforms – no “character” or cartoon-style ties will be permitted.

Minimum ankle-high or “no show” athletic socks must be worn. Ankle high socks are limited to solid colors in any of the specified uniform colors. “No show” sock colors are left to parental discretion as long as the pattern is appropriate and within our casual dress code guidelines.

NO cargo pants/shorts/will be permitted.

Rings, watches, tie bars/tacks, and medical identification articles may be worn.

CHAPEL DRESS (K5 THROUGH 12TH GRADE)

Girls are encouraged (not required) to wear skirts or jumpers (plaid, navy blue, or khaki) with blouses and shirts as indicated on chapel days.

P.E. UNIFORMS

All elementary girls (K-4th grades), **must** wear a pair of shorts under their dresses or skirts for PE class.

All 5th grade through high school students will wear gray mesh shorts and t-shirts available for purchase from the school. Girls will wear plain blue t-shirts and boys, plain red t-shirts. In colder weather, students will be permitted and are encouraged to also wear navy blue or white sweat suits over their PE uniforms during P.E. class.

A pair of inexpensive sneakers (tennis shoes) reserved for indoor wear only are required for all P.E. classes. For safety reasons, canvas slip-on shoes and canvas platform shoes will not be permitted.

T-SHIRT DRESS DAY

Once a month HCS administration will designate an HCS t-shirt dress day in which students may wear a t-shirt sporting the HCS name and/or logo along with any of the uniform bottoms. (NOTE: T-shirts are **NOT** a uniform option and may only be worn on T-Shirt dress days or casual dress days as specified below.)

DRESS CODE FOR CASUAL DRESS DAYS/ DRESS-UP DAYS

HCS will offer casual dress days each month where students will be allowed to wear either casual, casual dress clothes or uniform bottoms with HCS t-shirts.

Students at HCS are expected to dress in a manner befitting young Christian men and women. Modesty, neatness, and practicality will be the guiding principles when casual dress is permitted. Students are not to wear torn (intentional or otherwise) or sloppy clothing. Tank tops, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, low necklines, sundresses, and tight or otherwise revealing clothing will not be allowed. This applies to all spandex fashions. T-shirts with negative, outlandish, disrespectful messages or pictures will not be allowed. Students may wear shorts of modest style and length. Shorts or culottes must

be no shorter than 3 inches above the knees. Skirt lengths should follow uniform guidelines.

Mothers are asked to give special attention to two issues with their daughters.

- 1) modest posture while wearing skirts and dresses;
- 2) appropriate undergarments as they mature.

The administration reserves the right to make judgments on what is acceptable. Definitions, clarification, and diagrams will be made available on request.

If a student violates casual dress code, action will be taken as follows: First infraction – Students will call home for a change of clothes and will lose privileges for the next casual dress day. Second infraction - . Students will call home for uniform clothes and will lose privileges for the next casual dress day. Third infraction – Students will be sent home and will lose casual dress privileges permanently.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

The school maintains a uniform exchange program. Families are encouraged to access this service throughout the school year. While there is no charge for this service, families generally make a small donation to the school when acquiring uniform items. Stained, torn, faded and heavily worn uniform items should not be retained for our uniform exchange.