



Heritage Christian Academy

HIGH SCHOOL Dress Code & Uniform Policy

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HCA (Heritage Christian Academy) represents a multitude of families that have a variety of perspectives regarding dress. Clothing must be appropriate, neat, clean, and modest. It is the School's desire to reflect and present a neat and modest image for our families to the community.

Every student should be recognized for his/her effort, abilities, and spirit. Acceptability of dress should not determine the acceptability of the student. The goal is to reflect the Biblical principle of modesty. Secondary students are especially expected to honor the Lord in their daily attire. While some students may not agree with all guidelines and expectations, it should be recognized that they chose to attend Heritage Christian Academy and will therefore respect the authority of the school in its attempt to administer a fair and consistent dress standard. School administration is the final authority on acceptable school attire.

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE (NON-CHAPEL DAYS)

- ♦ **TOPS:** No bare midriffs, straps must be a minimum of 3 fingers wide, no sheer fabrics without another shirt underneath.
- ♦ **DRESSES, SKIRTS, AND SHORTS:** Must reach the top of the kneecap when standing upright.
- ♦ **BOTTOMS:** Khaki pants, khaki or jean shorts, jeans (no rips or holes), and skirts (for girls). **NOT PERMITTED:** Yoga pants or leggings, ripped jeans or holes in pants, sweatpants, athletic shorts, or athletic pants.
- ♦ **GENERAL:** All undergarments (including straps) must be fully covered. No clothing or accessories are allowed which refer to or imply intimidation, graffiti, discrimination, violence, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual innuendo, or weapons. Clothing should fit properly and not be too revealing or immodest.
- ♦ **FOOTWEAR:** Flip flops, slides, and slippers are **not permitted**.

CHAPEL & OFF-CAMPUS FIELD TRIP ATTIRE

Families are expected to provide their own Chapel clothes. All Chapel attire must be worn all day. Students who have PE must be ready to change and bring a change of clothes and shoes for PE.

GIRLS

DRESSES/SKIRTS:

- Dresses and skirts must reach the top of the kneecap when standing upright.
- Skirt slits must be no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Dresses and skirts must not be excessively tight and should allow for movement.
- Straps must be a minimum of 3 fingers wide
- ***Dress pants for girls are allowed, as well as rompers.

SHIRTS/TOPS:

- Shirts and tops must not be tight fitting.
- Graphic tees are not allowed.
- Shirts and tops must have sleeves and cover the midriff area completely.
- Under layer garments should not be seen.
- Necklines must not reveal cleavage or be low-cut in the back.

FOOTWEAR:

- Dress shoes, heels, flats, boots or sandals

BOYS

SHIRTS:

- Button up dress shirt with a collar. (any color and pattern, must be always tucked in.)
- Tie or bow tie with any color or pattern
- Suit jackets, sweaters, or vests over the shirt and tie, are permitted.

PANTS:

- Pants must not be sagging.
- Pants must be dress pants (any color) or Khakis. **NO JEANS, NO SHORTS.**

FOOTWEAR:

- Dress shoes only.
- **Not permitted:** Athletic shoes, flip flops, slides, or Sandals.
- Shoes must be always worn.

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GROOMING

HAIR: (Must be neat, clean, and appropriate)

- **Males: No facial hair, ponytails, etc., are permitted.** Hair may not extend below the eyebrows, the collar, and the middle of the ear. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear.
- **Males & Females:** Unnatural hair colors are not permitted.

MISCELLANEOUS

- All clothing must be free of holes and tears.
- Hats and hoods of any kind may not be worn indoors.
- Body piercing is not permitted except for pierced ears and side of nostril with a small stud (not hooped) for females.
- Boys may not have any piercings or wear earrings.
- Jewelry or clothing with advertising or logos promoting alcohol, drugs, secular rock music, culture issues, crude or other inappropriate verbiage, etc., is not permitted, as determined at the sole discretion of the school administration.
- Make-up should not attract undue attention.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

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- Students who receive a Dress Code Violation are addressed individually and given a written notification regarding the violation. This will also be given to their parents/guardian.
- In some instances, students will not be permitted to attend class until their attire issue is resolved.
- Dress code violation disciplinary actions may include:
 1. Verbal Warnings
 2. Detention
 3. Suspension
 4. Additional actions as deemed appropriate by the administration

P.E. UNIFORM

REQUIRED FOR MS and HS ONLY
(Monday through Friday Including Chapel days)

P.E. uniforms to be purchased from our [SquadLocker](#) online store.

All secondary students are responsible to purchase, and are required to wear, HCA P.E. uniforms. These uniforms may not be worn at any time other than P.E. class. After P.E., students must change back into their regular clothes. P.E. uniforms must be laundered at least once per week. Female students are not permitted to wear yoga pants or short running shorts (unless leggings are worn underneath). **Students will need to bring separate athletic shoes to change into if PE falls on a Chapel attire day.**

PURCHASING PE UNIFORMS AND HCA SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS

PE uniforms and HCA spirit wear items can be purchased through our [SquadLocker](#) Spirit Wear and PE Uniform stores. The stores will remain open all year with promotional codes provided at least quarterly. Items are shipped directly to your home.

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#!/organizations/heritage-christian-academy-bothell-wa>



THEMED THURSDAYS and SPIRIT WEEKS

Themed Thursdays are usually on the second Thursday of each month and are designated as fun days when students may dress according to the announced theme. **Spirit Weeks** are a full week of themed days. Loose-fitting athletic shorts and pants can be worn during themed days and spirit weeks if part of the outfit.