



Heritage Christian Academy

MIDDLE SCHOOL Dress Code & Uniform Policy

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Parents/guardians and students: Please reference the following dress code guidelines and violation procedures. As middle school students learn independence and decision-making skills, we appreciate your partnership in supporting these policies.

MS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS (Non-Chapel Uniform Days)

Tops: HCA spirit tops: all tops (t-shirt, long sleeves, hoodies, crewneck, track jackets) need to have the HCA logo. Winter coats can be worn.

Bottoms: Khaki (or chino type of any color) pants or shorts, jeans (no rips or holes), and skirts (for girls).

Not permitted: Tops with different logos or without the HCA logo, yoga pants or leggings, ripped jeans or holes in pants, sweatpants, athletic shorts, or athletic/track pants.

Footwear: Flip flops, slides, and slippers are **not permitted**.

CHAPEL ATTIRE

GIRLS

DRESSES/SKIRTS/DRESS PANTS/Rompers

- Dresses and skirts must reach the top of the kneecap when standing upright.
- Dress and skirt slits must not be more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Dresses and skirts must not be excessively tight and should allow for movement.
- Shoulder straps must be a minimum of 3 fingers wide.

SHIRTS/TOPS

- Shirts and tops must not be tight fitting (no graphic t-shirts).
- Shirts and tops must have sleeves and cover the midriff area completely.
- Under layer garments should not be visible.
- Necklines must not reveal cleavage or be low-cut in the back.

FOOTWEAR

- Permitted:** Dress shoes, heels, flats, boots, dress sneakers or Converse-type shoes in a solid natural color, or dress sandals.
- Not Permitted:** Multi-colored shoes, High-top, running, basketball, or other athletic shoes, flip flops, slides, rain/winter/hiking boots.

*Shoes must be always worn.

BOYS

SHIRTS

- Button up dress shirt with a collar (any color and pattern). Shirts must always be tucked in.
- Tie or bow tie in any color or pattern.
- Suit jacket, sweater, or sweater vest over a shirt and tie are acceptable.

PANTS

- Pants must not be saggy.
- Pants must be dress pants (any color) or khakis. NO JEANS and NO SHORTS.

FOOTWEAR

- Permitted:** Dress shoes, dress sneakers or Converse-type shoes in a solid natural color, or dress sandals.
- Not permitted:** Multi-colored shoes, High-top, running, basketball, or other athletic shoes, flip flops, slides, rain/winter/hiking boots.

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FREE DRESS DAYS

Most Fridays, unless announced, are days when students may dress in non-uniform attire.

- TOPS:** No bare midriffs, shoulder straps must be a minimum of 3 fingers wide, and no sheer fabrics without another shirt underneath.
- DRESSES, SKIRTS, AND SHORTS:** Must reach the top of the kneecap when standing upright.
- PANTS:** Loose-fitting athletic shorts, pants, track /jogger pants, sweatpants, and modest flared yoga pants (girls only: with long tops) are permitted. **Leggings are not permitted.**
- GENERAL:** All under garments (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**.



MS Guidelines & More Information

THEMED THURSDAYS and SPIRIT WEEKS

Themed Thursdays usually are 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.

Modesty and grooming guidelines still apply.

Those who do not participate are required to wear uniforms.

P.E. UNIFORM

Secondary students are responsible to purchase and are required to wear HCA P.E. uniforms. P.E. uniforms may only be worn in P.E. class. After P.E., students must change back into their regular clothes. Female students are not permitted to wear yoga pants or short running shorts (unless leggings are worn underneath). P.E. uniforms must be laundered at least once per week. If P.E. is first period, students may wear their P.E. uniforms to school. **Students will need to bring separate athletic shoes to change into if required to dress on a Chapel attire day.**

GROOMING

HAIR - Neatly groomed; natural hair color unless pre-approved; no mohawks or partially shaved styles. **Boys'** hair must be cut above the eyebrows and above the collar.

GIRLS - Moderate makeup and jewelry are allowed.

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 for females.
- Boys may not have 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.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

In the event of a dress code violation:

- The student will be removed from the classroom and the parent/guardian will be called and given the following options:
 - The student may find uniform compliant clothing in the uniform closet.
 - The parent/guardian may bring a change of clothes.
 - The parent/guardian may take the student home for the day
- In addition to the above, on the third violation, the student will receive a service-oriented after school detention.
- Any further violations (after three) will result in a mandatory meeting with parents/guardians and administration.

PURCHASING ITEMS

Uniform items can be purchased through Lands' End, or SquadLocker. We will also offer pop-up shops through our local vendor, Makin' It Happen.

www.hcabothell.org/uniforms

All items purchased through Land's End or SquadLocker will be shipped directly to your home. The stores will be open all year, and we will communicate promotional codes as they become available. Please allow ample time for shipping.

Lands' End

www.landsend.com/school
HCA Lands' End School #900108952

SquadLocker

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