



HCA Dress Code

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Students are expected to adhere to HCA dress code at school, and at all school associated events on or off campus. There are a limited number of exceptions to this rule such as:

- All field trips on which students are to wear an HCA tshirt (class color) with jeans/shorts.
- Academic competitions where students will be required to dress as a team in traditional school uniform as found in consignment or ordered from approved Lands End items.

It is impossible to anticipate every possibility in the area of dress. As situations present themselves and fashion trends change, we will modify the code as deemed necessary. However, when questions arise concerning appropriateness of dress, the decision of administration is final.

Basic Guidelines for All Students PK4 – 12th Grade

Students' clothing at school and all school-related events (on and off campus must be:

- Modest;
- **Neat**, clean, safe, properly fitting (no visible undergarments, including bras) and in good repair (no rips or frays, even if manufactured that way);
- Gender appropriate.

Shirts/Sweaters/Sweat Shirts

- Solid, patterned, collared, v-neck, and round/crew/turtle neck shirts with short or long sleeves and sweaters and sweat shirts are permitted. T-shirts must be plain or HCA printed only.

Footwear

- Clogs, sandals (with a heel strap), athletic, casual or dress shoes are permitted.
- Rubber-soled athletic shoes are required on the gym floor. Please be aware of PE schedule and dress code requirements. Please dress or prepare accordingly.

Grooming and Jewelry

- Hair must be well-groomed and of a natural color. (Hair may be dyed brown or blonde for example, but not blue, green or an unnatural shade of red, etc.) Extreme hair coloring and bleaching are prohibited. No mohawks, dreadlocks, mullets or similarly distracting cuts are allowed.

Not Allowed

- Athletic pants (including sweat pants) and athletic shorts
- Oversized pants that hang off the body or drag the floor
- Leggings
- Cut-offs
- Undershirts as outer garments
- Sleeveless shirts (tanks or spaghetti straps) as outer garments
- Halter tops, off-the-shoulder tops and tops that expose the midriff
- Flip flops or any shoe without a heel strap
- Crocs
- Hats and sunglasses indoors
- Headbands or other headdresses that are costumish (animal ears, wreaths, etc.)
- Sheer fabrics (inlays and otherwise)
- Tattoos – permanent or henna (or similar process)
- Any garment that makes implicit or explicit reference to:
 - Alcohol or drugs
 - Secular bands
 - Racially insensitive comments (including the rebel flag)
 - Symbols, pictures or any reference to a religion other than Christianity
 - Sexual innuendo
 - Any other subject deemed inappropriate

Female Specific Guidelines – In addition to the guidelines above, female students must also adhere to the following:

- Slacks, jeans or shorts (longer than two inches below fingertip length when hands are held to the side) are appropriate.
- Skirts, dresses, skorts, and jumpers not shorter than three inches above the knee are allowed.
- Makeup is not allowed for girls 5th grade and below.
- Piercing jewelry is only allowed in the ears – up to two piercings per ear.
- Hair may not be shaved or ‘buzzed’ close to the scalp – even in part.

Male Specific Guidelines - In addition to the guidelines above, male students must also adhere to the following:

- Slacks, jeans or shorts (no Chubbies or similar styles with inseams less than 7 inches) are appropriate.
- Hair must be cut off the collar and away from the eyes. No braids, twists, buns, pony tails, etc. are allowed.
- Facial hair must be neat, short, clean and conservative.
- Piercing jewelry is not allowed on males.