

# Dress Code Policy (Preschool-12<sup>th</sup>)

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Parents and students have the primary responsibility to understand and adhere to the dress code. Our Dress Code Policy serves to help us focus on learning and teaching while demonstrating a high standard of excellence to our community. Good guidelines for appearance should lie somewhere between the limits of personal freedom and Christian responsibility as Christ followers. Although styles change, some of today's styles are decidedly inappropriate and are unbecoming to a person who wishes to glorify God in all he/she does. A submissive and teachable attitude about appearance is of great importance (1 Peter 3:4). Moderation and modesty (1 Timothy 2:9) are stressed in our dress code as we submit ourselves (Ephesians 5:21) to one another as unto the Lord. The "heart" of the dress code is to teach submission to the Lord. Often it's not a matter of right vs. wrong but simply a matter of a standard that we have chosen.

**Parents, it is your responsibility to see that your student comes to school each day dressed appropriately according to this dress code.** If a dress code violation is a modesty issue, the student will be required to change their attire or have a parent bring appropriate clothing. Students will remain in the office until dressed appropriately and any absences from class during this time will be considered as unexcused absences. Repeated violations will be considered "defiance" and will be handled as a disciplinary issue.

## *GENERAL GUIDELINES*

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- Clothing should be neat, modest, and appropriate. Clothing should be appropriately sized--not too baggy, and not skin tight. Clothing should be clean, with no holes, tears, or fraying and not look worn out. A student should not be dressed in such a way as to draw attention to his/her body, but to respect and honor God, themselves and others.
- No offensive images are allowed on any item brought to school (clothes, backpacks, shoes, school supply etc). Offensive images are defined as questionable pictures or images, any reference to explicit language, sexual innuendo, alcoholic, drug, or tobacco products, or satanic emblems.
- Supervising teachers may designate a specific dress code for field trips or special events with administration approval. Otherwise students are expected to be in school dress code while on campus before and after school.
- Cross-gender dressing will not be allowed under any circumstances.
- In all circumstances HCA retains the final authority to determine, in its discretion, whether a student is in compliance with the dress code. The administration reserves the right to amend the dress code as needed to address new fads and styles.
- We try to have break times consistently outside therefore; students should bring hats, gloves, and jackets on cold weather days.

## *SPECIFIC TO BOYS:*

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### **Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets, and Vests**

- All shirts must have sleeves and collars. They may be button-down or polo.
- Shirts, sweaters, jackets and vests are not to have wording, logos, graphics, or pictures; small manufacturer's logos or HCA graphics are acceptable. Logos are to be no larger than the palm of your hand. Pullover heavy weight knit sweaters with long sleeves may be worn without a collar or shirt underneath.
- A dress code shirt is required underneath a vest, jacket, and removable sweater.
- Hoods may not be worn up in the building.
- No t-shirts including v-neck and long sleeve t-shirts.

### **Pants, Jeans, Shorts**

- Pants, jeans, cargos, chinos, khakis, corduroys must be full length and appropriately sized showing no undergarments.
- No sweats or athletic pants.
- Seasonal dress shorts (examples include denim, cargo, and khaki) are allowed for the months of August, September, October, May, and June. No athletic or sports shorts. No cut-offs.

### **Belts, Shoes, Accessories**

- No earrings or other body piercings.
- No flip-flops or shower-type shoes
- Sandals are allowed but must have a heel strap.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- No tattoos or extreme fashion expressions are allowed.
- No make-up allowed.

### **Hair**

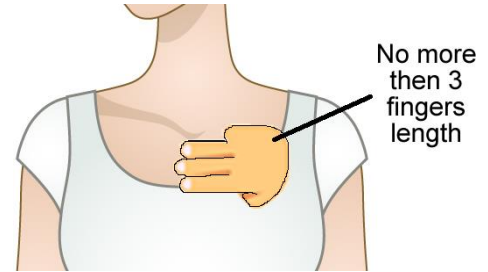
- Hair must be no longer than collar length in back and bottom of the ear length on the sides, and above the eyebrows in the front.
- Boy's facial hair must be clean shaven; sideburns can be to the middle ear and must be neatly trimmed.
- Haircuts must be of a conventional style. No mohawks.
- Only natural hair colors are allowed.

## *SPECIFIC TO GIRLS:*

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### **Shirts, Sweaters, Blouses, and Vests**

- Shirts must be worn with sleeves that cover the shoulder.
- No t-shirts including v-neck or long sleeve t-shirts. No tight form fitting shirts.
- The neckline should be modest showing no cleavage and no more than 3 fingers below the clavicle bone.
- Shirts, blouses, sweaters, jackets and vests are not to have wording, logos, graphics, or pictures; small manufacturer's logos or HCA graphics are acceptable. Logos are to be no larger than the palm of your hand. Pullover heavy weight knit sweaters (non see through) with long sleeves may be worn without a collar or shirt underneath.
- A dress code shirt is required underneath a vest, jacket, and removable sweater.
- Hoods may not be worn up in the building.
- Shirts and blouses need to be long enough that when you raise your hands over your head, your midsection does not show.



### **Pants, Jeans, Capris, Skirts, Skorts, Dresses, Jumpers**

- Pants or jeans must be sized appropriately not tight fitting.
- Skirts, jumpers, and dresses must be of a modest length (within 2 inches of the knee cap). Dresses must be worn with sleeves.
- Leggings may be worn under skirts, dresses, or jumpers. Tight fitting pants or legging type material without a modest length dress or skirt are not part of the dress code.
- No shorts.



### **Belts, Shoes, Accessories**

- Only girls may wear earrings (2 pairs max), no other body piercings.
- No flip-flops, shower-type shoes, or stiletto-type heels may be worn.
- Sandals are allowed but must have a heel strap.
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- Only natural looking makeup is permitted.
- Body piercing, facial piercing, tattoos, nose rings, ear gauges and other extreme fashion expressions are not allowed.

### **Hair**

- Haircuts must be of a conventional style. No mohawks.
- Only natural hair colors are allowed.

## *SPECIFIC TO PRESCHOOL*

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Same as the school's dress code with the exception that t-shirts are allowed.

## *PE UNIFORMS (3rd-12th GR)*

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Students are responsible for having their P.E. clothes at school on P.E. days. Clothes should be taken home on Thursday's to be cleaned and ready for the next week. A student who is not in complete uniform will be required to participate in their school clothes. Students who fail to wear their proper PE uniform could result in a grade reduction. PE is a requirement of HCA.

- No PE uniform requirement for Pre-2nd
- Athletic sweat pants or mid-thigh athletic shorts
  - No spandex type
- T-shirts with graphics allowed.
  - No muscle shirts or tank tops
- Athletic clothing must be appropriately sized and free of offensive images and wording.
- Athletic socks and Athletic shoes

### **Swimwear**

- Swimwear must be modest. (Boys & Girls)
- Girls' swimsuits must be one-piece, tankini not showing midriff or modest two-piece with solid, dark t-shirt covering.