

HERNANDO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2009- 2010 DRESS CODE

Christians are expected to be modest in appearance. The dress code of HCA is based on both Biblical standards and the need for children to learn to dress modestly and tastefully (I Timothy 2:9-10, 4:12). HCA reserves the right to inform parents that certain attire or hairstyles are not appropriate for our school.

HCA (teachers, staff & Administration), reserves the right to approach any student about his or her attire or appearance if any part of the dress code has been violated, or if any portion of their dress or appearance is questionable. The decision of the Administrator or designee is final. All attire should be properly fitting, neat in appearance, and meet school criteria.

Dress code violations may result in, but are not limited to the following disciplinary measures which will be progressive in nature (measures are examples only and not intended to be exhaustive or sequential):

- **Detentions of varying length**
- **In-school suspension**
- **Parent being called to bring in appropriate attire**

Repetitive violations may result in additional disciplinary action.

GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO BOYS

PANTS/SLACKS/SHORTS:

1. Loose-fitting pants or walking shorts in *grey, navy blue, black or khaki/brown*.
2. All pants must have belt loops, and all students in grades 3 – 12 must wear belts.
3. Pants and shorts may not be ripped or frayed.
4. Grey or navy blue sweat pants are permitted in K3-K4.

SHIRTS:

1. Standard cut (not newer style of short-length shirt), 2 or 3 button *golf or polo style* shirts in any normal solid color are acceptable. Boys in high school may wear patterned golf or polo style shirt. ***This is the only style shirt that may be worn.*** Boys' shirts must be tucked in at all times and must be buttoned appropriately.
2. Outerwear must not have inappropriate graphics, text or logos. Students must be in dress code beneath their outerwear.

SHOES:

1. Elementary students should wear shoes appropriate for physical education and recess, tennis shoes are recommended.
2. Close-toed only
3. Socks must be worn

HAIR:

1. Must be clean cut and styled in a modest, **non-radical, non-faddish** cut or color (no unnaturally colored or multi-colored hair; no pigtails). Hair must not fall below the eyebrows or touch the collar when combed down.
2. All facial hair must be neatly groomed.
3. Sideburns must be no longer than the bottom of the ears.
4. No emblems, words, lines or designs may be shaved into the hair.
5. Head should not be shaved to the scalp.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Cowboy boots are allowed in middle and high school only.

2. No earrings
3. No visible body piercing
4. No visible tattoos – temporary or permanent
5. No bandanas, scarves or sunglasses
6. No hats in any building on campus unless the hat is part of an athletic uniform and is being worn during a practice or game
7. No objects (keys, wallets, chains, etc.) hanging from belt loops
8. No clothing tied or wrapped around waist
9. Fingernails should be neat and manicured
10. No symbols that could be divisive in nature
11. No wheeled shoes (Heelys) may be worn to school or school functions
12. No slippers or other “house” or “bedroom” shoes
13. No “Croc” or clog style shoes

GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO GIRLS:

PANTS/WALKING SHORTS/SKORTS/SKIRTS/JUMPERS:

1. All pants, shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers must be solid gray, navy blue, black or khaki/brown.
2. Pants must not be low-riding and should be loose enough so that lines and patterns of undergarments are not obviously apparent.
3. Shorts may be no higher than 4 inches from the crease in back of the knee.
4. No sweat pants, pajama bottoms or other leisure type pants are permissible.
5. Elementary girls must wear shorts underneath skirts or jumpers
6. Skirt and jumper hemlines must not be higher than 2” above the crease of the back of the knee.
7. All pants must have belt loops, and all students in grades 3 – 12 must wear belts.
8. Pants and shorts may not be ripped or frayed.
9. Grey or navy blue sweat pants are permitted in K3-K4.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES:

1. Must be 2 – 3 button golf or polo style shirts with a full-banded sleeve in a solid color. Girls in high school may wear patterned golf or polo style shirt. No snap or “mini” button shirts are permitted.
2. Shirts should be loose-fitting; no tight or form-fitting shirts are permitted.
3. Shirts must completely cover the midriff area and overlap the top of the pants when arms are raised.
4. If the polo shirt is worn untucked, an undershirt must be worn tucked-in underneath; the undershirt must not be visible at the neckline.
5. Outerwear must not have inappropriate graphics, text or logos. Students must be in dress code beneath their outerwear.

SHOES:

1. Elementary students should wear shoes appropriate for physical education and recess, tennis shoes are recommended.
2. Close-toed only
3. Socks or appropriate hosiery should be worn.

HAIR:

1. Must be clean-cut and styled in a modest, non-radical, non-faddish style.
2. Must not be dyed an unnatural or distracting color.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. No visible body piercing except earrings of reasonable size may be worn.
2. Female students in grades 6 – 12 may wear modest cosmetics. Students in grades 3 – 5 may wear sheer lip gloss only.
3. No visible tattoos – temporary or permanent
4. No bandanas, scarves or sunglasses
5. No hats in any building on campus unless the hat is part of an athletic uniform and is being worn during a practice or game

6. No objects (keys, wallets, chains, etc.) hanging from belt loops
7. No clothing tied or wrapped around waist
8. Fingernails should be neat and manicured and should not be excessive in length.
9. No symbols that could be divisive in nature
10. No wheeled shoes (Heelys) may be worn to school or school functions
11. No slippers or other “house” or “bedroom” shoes
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DRESS CODE at HCA FUNCTIONS

Certain HCA functions will have specific dress code requirements (field trips, Homecoming and Prom dances, etc.) Students must comply with any and all specified dress codes for HCA functions. At HCA events where no particular dress code is specified, students are expected to be in appropriate and modest attire. HCA faculty and administrators reserve the right to approach any HCA student at an HCA function who is not dressed appropriately and request that they either change their clothing or leave the event.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Dress down days will be held on Friday, contingent upon administrative approval. Students will earn their dress down days each week by keeping the grounds free of litter, adhering to the dress code and following other school rules.

On dress down days, students may wear blue denim jeans or shorts (see specifics on short length). Jeans and shorts must not be ripped, torn or frayed in any way. Shorts may be no higher than 4 inches from the crease in back of the knee. Elementary students may wear HCA or other specifically Christian t-shirts. Middle and high school students may wear HCA t-shirts only. All shirts may be untucked.