

HARVEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DRESS CODE

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Our school dress code has been established to develop student attitudes and behaviors that honor our Lord Jesus Christ and promote spiritual growth.

"All things are legitimate - permissible, and we are free to do anything we please; but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life]. Let no one then seek his own good and advantage and profit, but [rather let him seek the welfare of his neighbor]..."
I Corinthians 10:23-24 (Amplified Bible)

The word "edify" literally means "the act of building" and is used figuratively in the New Testament to refer to the promotion of spiritual growth. As believers, it is our Biblical responsibility to conduct ourselves in word and deed (including dress) in a manner that glorifies God and promotes personal and corporate spiritual growth. Therefore, we require that every student at H.C.S. maintain an appearance, which conforms to the following guidelines.

BASIC PRINCIPLES regarding clothing and appearance include:

Godliness Cleanliness Modesty Practicality Neatness Safety

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GIRLS:

In I Timothy 2:9 we read that women are to dress *"modest in appearance...wear decent and appropriate clothing...."*

In consideration of this Biblical standard, appropriate school attire for girls is as follows:

1. Jeans, pants and shorts must be appropriately proportioned, not be form fitting or excessively baggy.
2. Length of dresses, skirts and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee. ** Please make allowance for growth.*
3. Dresses, tops and blouses are required to cover the top of the shoulders (straps must be 3" wide) and the midriff. They must not be form fitting, low-cut, backless or have any slits. Shorts must be worn underneath dresses if the student is to play on the playground.
4. Clothing displaying Christian symbols or messages are encouraged.
5. Clothing, including jackets, with non-school associated logos or insignias depicting professional, college, and/or other non-school teams are allowed, however, logos, symbols, and slogans that are not edifying will not be allowed (including skulls and crossbones).
6. Clothing must be complete, seams must be sewn, rips and tears must be patched.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times. Open-toed shoes of any sort are not permitted.
8. Hats/Caps are allowed outside, but are not to be worn inside the building.
9. Nylons and make-up are not permitted.
10. Hair/Hairstyles must be clean, neatly groomed, and within the normal range of natural hair colors (black, brown, brunette, blonde, and red). No extreme hair styles will be allowed. Hair must not block the eyes and not be a distraction to others or themselves. The School Administration or staff will determine when hair has become extreme or a distraction and expect a parent to take measures to alleviate the distraction. During sports or games, a student with hair longer than below the collar will be required to wear it up so that the student is kept safe from the possibility of the hair being unexpectedly pulled.
11. The wearing of jewelry should be kept to a minimum. Dangling earrings are not permitted.
12. Extreme fashions which call undue attention to the individual or any part of the anatomy in an unwholesome way, are not acceptable.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BOYS:

In I Timothy 4:12 we read, *"Let no one despise or think less of you because of your youth, but be an example (pattern) for the believers, in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

In consideration of this Biblical standard, appropriate attire for boys is as follows:

1. Jeans, pants and shorts must be appropriately proportioned. They must not be too tight or excessively baggy. All pants or shorts must be worn at the waist. Undergarments must never be visible above or below outer clothing.
2. Length of shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee.
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3. Clothing displaying Christian symbols or messages are encouraged.
4. Clothing, including jackets, with non-school associated logos or insignias depicting professional, college, and/or other non-school teams are allowed, however, logos, symbols, and slogans that are not edifying will not be allowed (including skulls and crossbones).
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9. Earrings, nail polish, hair accessories, or other female related items are not permitted to be worn by males.
10. Extreme fashions which call undue attention to the individual or any part of the anatomy in an unwholesome way, are not acceptable.

**** From time to time the Administration may determine some manner of appearance not mentioned in this Dress Code to be inappropriate and thus will not be permitted.***

Students who are not dressed in compliance with this Dress Code will be removed from school activities and parents will be contacted and asked to provide a change of clothes. Students will be allowed to return to school functions once they are dressed in conformance with the provisions of this dress code.