



HPCA High School Dress Code 2022-2023

Hair

Hairstyles should be clean and neatly maintained. Hairstyles should not be distracting to the educational environment or bring excessive attention to the person. Unnatural hair colors (i.e. blue, green, etc.) are not permitted. A small strand of pink is allowed to honor Breast Cancer Awareness month in October.

General Clothing Guidelines (These apply to ALL school days, even Dress Down Days):

- Undergarments must not be visible at any time.
- Clothing must fit appropriately.
- Clothing must not have plunging necklines.
- Clothing fabrics should not be see-through.
- Clothing must not have holes, nor the appearance of holes, nor frayed edges.
- Clothing should not advertise alcohol, tobacco, any anti-Christian slogans; no secular artists; no political slogans/attire; no printed rude/vulgar descriptions or language

Pants and Shorts –

- Pants/shorts should be only the following styles/materials: khaki/chino, corduroy, or denim. (Jeans are now acceptable M-F) No stretchy, legging-style pants/shorts.
- Pants/shorts should be worn at the waist.
- Shorts must be 3” above the knee or longer.
- Pants/shorts can be any solid color.

Shirts-

- Shirts **M-Th** should be front-buttoned polo/golf Style Shirts or button-down shirts w/collar. Collared shirts should have no images/graphics or writing except for a small designer logo.
- Shirts should be buttoned close to the top.
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved.
- Shirts must have sleeves and cover shoulders.
- Shirts must be full-length (Midriff cannot show, even when the student bends over.)
- Shirts may be any brand or color.

On **Fridays** only, approved t-shirts can be worn (see **Friday Dress** section below)

Shoes

Footwear consistent with the need for safety and appropriateness shall be worn.

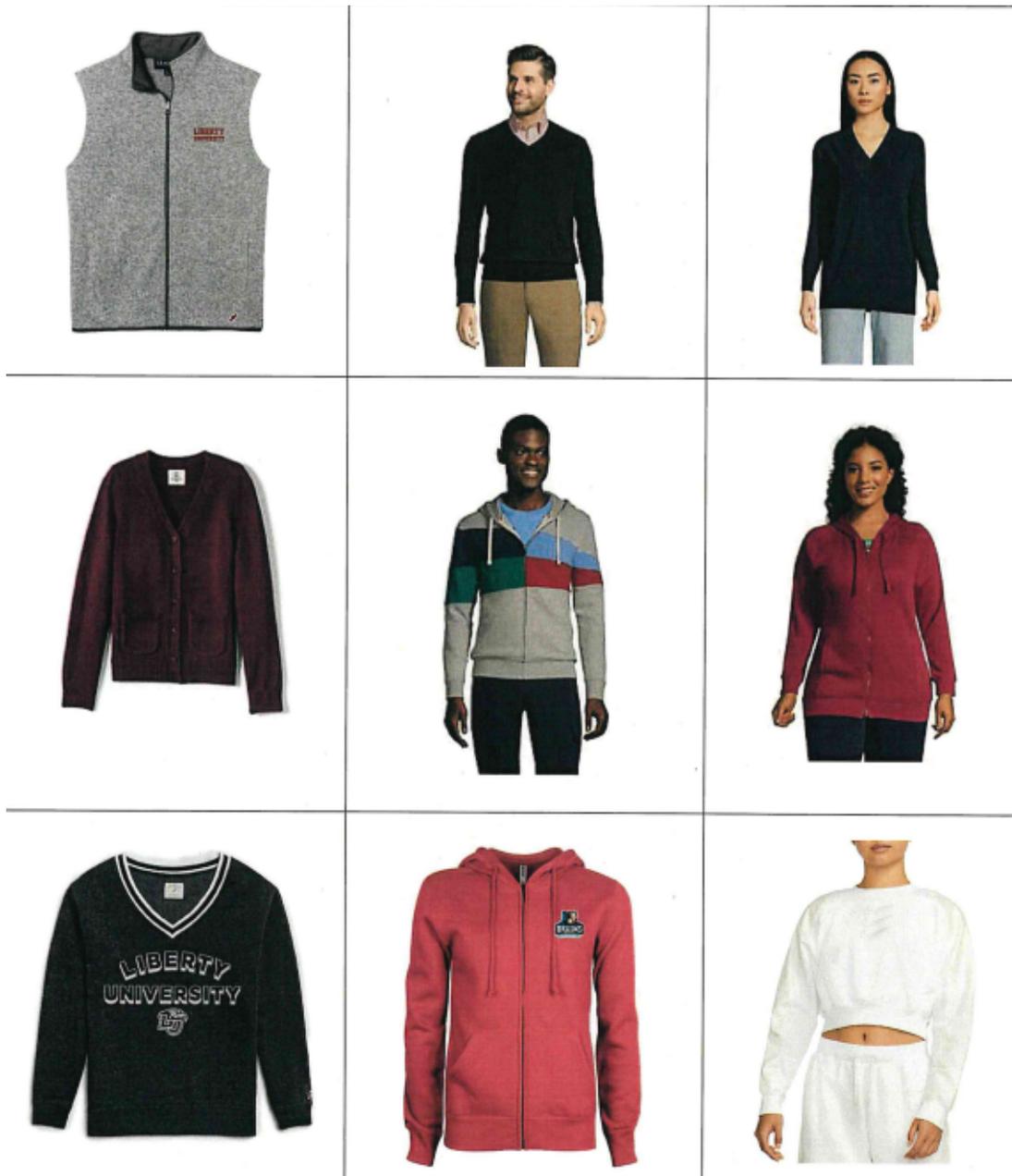
Outerwear Guidelines

- Outerwear, may contain appropriate brand logos, school or team names

- Students may wear any **pullover** jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or hoodie during the school day provided they meet the guidelines listed above in the “general guidelines” section.
- Sometimes, classrooms become warm or activities are conducted outside and students may want to remove outerwear; if the outerwear is removed, the student must be wearing a shirt in compliance with the dress code.
- Any outerwear with **full-length zippers** are not permitted without standard dress code, collared shirts being visible at all times.



The following outerwear items require a collared shirt underneath and visible at all times:



Friday Dress Code:

All clothing should adhere to the general clothing guidelines already stated, but the following approved t-shirts are also allowed:

- HPCA t-shirts
- T-shirts with sports teams and college logos
- T-shirts with Christian-themed printing/messages
- T-shirts with small branding logos (roughly 2" x 2")
- Solid colored t-shirts

**Seniors are allowed “Friday Dress” on Mondays as a privilege during second semester only.
Friday Dress and Dress Down are different!**

*Dress Down days are extremely rare and allow sweatpants and athletic shorts in addition to the provisions of Friday Dress. Sweatpants and athletic shorts should adhere to the 3” above knee minimum length. Leggings are only allowed to be worn under shorts that do not adhere to the 3” guideline. All clothing on dress down days should adhere to the guidelines listed under general guidelines.

Prohibited Items

- Dresses and skirts unless prior approval given by administration for special occasions
- Head coverings of any kind inside buildings
- Sunglasses inside buildings
- Political attire, political promotional items (bumper stickers, buttons, hats, flags, etc.)
- Earphones/earbuds inside buildings except in study hall
- Body piercing jewelry other than earrings
- Unnatural hair coloring (i.e. green, blue, etc.)

*While tattoos are permitted, it is up to the principal’s discretion if they need to remain covered during school sponsored events.

Acceptable Collared Shirts and Polos



Questions to ask self before coming to school:

- Are my shorts long enough (not shorter than 3” above knee)?
- Are my pants/shorts made of khaki/chino, denim or corduroy?
- Are my pants/shorts a solid color?
- Is any of my clothing see-through?
- Do any of my undergarments show, even when I bend over?
- Is there any writing or symbols on my clothing? If so, would they be approved according to the guidelines?
- (If it’s a Friday and you’re wearing a t-shirt) Will this shirt be approved according to those allowed for Fridays?
- If I take off my outerwear at school, will what I have on underneath it be admissible?
- (If it’s a dress down day) Do my sweatpants/athletic shorts meet the general requirements of pants/shorts and the length requirement of 3” above the knee or longer?