

High Point Christian Academy has established a dress code for its students. We believe that a prescribed wardrobe policy promotes neatness, is cost effective for parents, helps improve self-image and behavior, ensures modesty, promotes community, and decreases distractions in the learning environment.

Hair

Hairstyles for boys and girls should reflect the school culture and should be clean and neatly maintained without unnatural hair coloring (pink, blue, green, etc.). Hairstyles should not be distracting to the educational environment or bring excessive attention to the person.

Shoes

All footwear must cover and protect the toes. (Elementary should wear shoes that are closed heel as well for use on the playground and other play situations.)

- Acceptable footwear options: Tennis shoes, hiking shoes, boots, crocs w/back strap.
- Not permitted: Flip-flops, sandals, and other open-toed shoes.
- Students must wear athletic shoes on PE days or their grade will be reduced.

Every Friday: Christian T-shirt Day

HPCA t-shirts and other *specifically* Christian t-shirts (HPCA Team and Camp, Bel Canto, Christian Camps, HPCA Field Day, etc) may be worn on Fridays. Business t-shirts that have verses/biblical slogans on them are allowed. (No music or band t-shirts of any style music.) Bottoms must still be an HPCA uniform item.

Dress Down Day Guidelines

Periodically, students may be allowed to dress down. Clothing should be neat, modest in coverage, and appropriate for a Christian school. Jeans, athletic wear, sweat, t-shirts, flip flops, and sandals are allowed on these days. (See prohibited items below.)

Theme Dress Days

Periodically, students may be allowed to dress according to various themes: sports day, pajama day, western, athletic, green/white, camo, etc. On these days, students may wear hats and paint their hair and face. All clothing should be neat, modest in coverage, and appropriate for a Christian school.

Prohibited Items

These items should <u>not</u> be worn to school at any time: exceptions are noted.	Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tank shirts, spaghetti-strap shirts, sleeveless shirts • short shirts or shirts with low-cut necklines
	Bottoms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leggings, yoga pants, tights, or other stretch-type material, unless covered with other clothing. (Regular school dress day requires shorts or skirts which are no more than 4 inches above the top of the knee.) • sagging shorts or pants. • short shorts as determined by office personnel.
	General:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rude/vulgar descriptions or language on clothes. • clothes that advertise alcohol, tobacco, any music groups, etc. • clothes with holes or the appearance of holes. • earrings for boys at school. • body piercing jewelry other than earrings for girls. • attire/accessories with references, symbols, or slogans that are political or controversial. • bandanas and hats (after arrival to school) unless part of theme day attire. • unusual hair coloring (i.e. pink, green, blue, etc.) unless part of theme day attire.

Elementary (regular school days)

Tops

Elementary students may wear any solid color polo-style shirt from any vendor: (Shirts may have logos but no larger than about the size of a quarter.)

Bottoms

Students may wear uniform-style long pants, Bermuda-style shorts, cargo shorts or pants, or capris from any vendor provided they look like school uniforms and meet the following guidelines:

1. **Solid navy blue or khaki colors only.**
2. Shorts should be no more than 4 inches above the knee.
3. Holes or appearance of holes are not acceptable.
4. Pants and shorts should be worn properly.
5. Long blue jean pants are acceptable in Elementary any day. No jean shorts or skirts.

Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers

Girls may wear skirts, skorts, and jumpers from any vendor provided they look like school uniforms and meet the following guidelines:

1. Material must be a chino-type material or twill weave made of cotton (no denim or corduroy.)
2. Solid navy blue, khaki, or plaid.
3. No more than 4 inches above the knee.
4. Girls may also wear solid color polo dresses, long or short sleeves.

Jackets, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Hoodies

Students may wear any jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or hoodie during the school day providing the jacket does not contain anything offensive. (Hoods on hoodies are not to be worn over the head.) Elementary students must wear a polo shirt underneath. (Sometimes, classrooms become warm or activities are conducted outside and students may want to remove outerwear.) Teachers reserve the right to ask students to remove their outerwear if it becomes a distraction.

Special Performances

Elementary students may be required to wear a specific solid color polo-style shirt and either navy blue or khaki shorts/pants for special performances (Christmas, Grandparents' Day, etc.)

Consequences

Any student not dressed in accordance with this policy may receive a warning, be withdrawn from the classroom to change to proper attire, or be sent home.

This dress code policy is not intended to be all-inclusive. The administration reserves the right to make decisions on items not specifically mentioned. It is important that all clothing and accessories be clean, neat, modest, inoffensive, and not distracting to the educational environment.