



# HIGH POINT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## TK-8 Dress Code 2023-2024

Uniforms are required for all students at High Point Christian Academy. 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.

### Dress Down Guidelines

Periodically, students may be allowed to dress down. Clothing should be neat, modest, and appropriate for a Christian school. Jeans, athletic wear, t-shirts, flip flops, and sandals are allowed on these days.

### Friday: Christian T-shirt Day

HPCA t-shirts and other *specifically* Christian t-shirts (HPCA Team and Camp, See You at the Pole, Bel Canto, Merriwood Christian Camp, HPCA Field Day) 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.

## **Prohibited Items EL/MS**

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

### Consequences

Any student not dressed in accordance with this policy may receive a warning, a demerit, 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.**

## **Elementary Specific**

### **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.)

## **Middle School Specific** (see website for pictures)

### **Tops**

**Middle School (6-8):** Polo-style shirts and dress shirts that button all the way down the front (solid colors, stripes, prints, or plaids. (No graphics, or sheer material.) Shirts must be modestly buttoned. MS students may also wear (without collared shirts underneath) quarter zips/buttons, hoodies without full zippers, sweatshirts/sweaters with standard crew necks or higher. These may be plain, name brand logo, college, etc. No music artists. These items may not be taken off during the school day without a collared shirt underneath. Collared shirts must be worn under v-neck, scoop neck, full zippers, full buttons, and crop tops.

### **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, khaki, black, gray, or white.**
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 jean pants are acceptable in Middle School any day in the colors listed above. Jean shorts and skirts are not allowed.

### **Skirts and Skorts**

Girls may wear skirts and skorts 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, black, gray, or white.
3. No more than 4 inches above the knee.

### **Game Days**

Middle School students participating in an HPCA athletic game that day may wear their team's t-shirt or jersey. Bottoms must still be an HPCA uniform item.

### **Special Performances**

Middle School students may be required to wear black dress pants, white dress shirts, and black shoes for special performances (i.e.: Band Concert, Jr. Beta Induction, Chorus, etc.) or special events/activities. See the sponsoring teacher for specifics.