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**“Let your light so shine before all men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”  
Matthew 5:16**

Believing that our outward appearance is a reflection of our hearts and minds, Hope Christian Academy expects all parents to exercise good taste and judgment in the dress of students at all times. Through our clothing, make-up, and hairstyles, we either draw attention to ourselves or magnify the Lord Jesus Christ.

The intent of the dress code at Hope Christian Academy is to train children to realize that although many types of clothing are acceptable to wear, some are more appropriate for specific activities than others.

The underlying principles of the following dress code are **MODESTY** (I Tim. 2:9; II Tim. 2:22), **APPROPRIATENESS** (Phil. 4:5), and **IDENTIFICATION** (Col. 3:16-17; I John 2:15-16).

Because the type of clothing worn can influence attitude and behavior, the following dress code represents the acceptable model of dress for the school and its activities.

## **2018-2019 Standardized Dress Code for Middle - High School Students**

**SHIRTS:** In any solid color. No Stripes, Patterns, Insignias, or Brand Symbols (except HCA).

Polo Style – long or short sleeve. Button-down Oxford Dress Style – long or short sleeve. Turtlenecks may be worn under polos, sweaters, jumpers. Polo style dresses (girls only) must NOT be shorter than 4” from the floor when kneeling. **Girls are not required to tuck in shirts. Boys are required to tuck in shirts.**

**SWEATERS:** In any solid color. No Stripes, Patterns, Insignias, or Brand Symbols

Cardigans, V-neck pullovers, or V-neck sweater vests.

**JACKETS/HOODIES/SWEATSHIRTS:**

In any solid color. No Stripes, Patterns, Insignias, or Brand Symbols (except HCA)

Jackets without hoods and HCA Letter jackets are permitted inside. ONLY HCA hoodies and sweatshirts are allowed and must be worn with a collared shirt underneath on regular uniform days. **All other jackets and coats may be worn, but NOT inside classrooms.**

**PANTS & SHORTS:** In Black, Gray, Khaki/Tan, or Navy.

Dress slacks, Docker/Uniform style (cotton twill) with a zipper fly and may be pleated or flat front in regular, straight, flared, tapered, or boot cut. Pants and shorts may NOT be cargo or carpenter style; NO draw string waists; NO hip huggers or bell bottoms; NO denim with rivets, corduroy, knit material. Pants and shorts must be worn at the appropriate waist level. Pants and shorts may not be overly tight or overly baggy. Shorts must NOT be shorter than 4” from the floor when kneeling.

**CAPRIS:** In Black, Gray, Khaki/Tan, or Navy. (Girls Only)

Dress capris, Docker/Uniform style (cotton twill) with a zipper fly and may be pleated or flat front. Capris may NOT be cargo or carpenter style; NO draw string waists; NO hip huggers; NO denim with rivets, corduroy, knit material. Capris must be worn at the appropriate waist level. Capris may not be overly tight or overly baggy.

**SKORTS/SKIRTS/JUMPERS:** In Black, Gray, Khaki/Tan, or Navy. (Girls Only)

Docker/Uniform style (cotton twill) and may be elastic waist. Polo style dresses, skorts, skirts, or jumpers must NOT be shorter than 4” from the floor when kneeling. **Leggings, tights, or shorts in black, gray, cream, white, navy, or purple MUST be worn underneath for modesty.**

**BELTS:** Belts should coordinate with clothing. Belt buckles and belt adornments should reflect Christian standards of good taste and modesty. **Girls are not required to wear belts. Boys are required to wear belts.**

**TIES:** Ties may be worn with a button-down oxford style dress shirt.

**SOCKS:** Socks should coordinate with clothing.

**SHOES:** Non-marking shoes (to protect the gym floor) are recommended. Tennis shoes must be laced and tied. Boots, casual/dress shoes and sandals are permitted. NO flip-flops, “Crocs”, roller-skate shoes, or house slippers are allowed.

**SPIRIT DRESS:** Spirit Dress consists of an HCA t-shirt, HCA hoodie, or HCA sweatshirt worn with jeans or regular uniform pants, shorts, capris, skorts, skirts. **Shirts are NOT required to be tucked in.** Jeans/ jean shorts may not have holes or be ripped or torn. NO overly baggy, skin-tight, overly tight, or “skinny” jeans are allowed. Spirit Dress may be worn on the last school day of the week, on field trips, and at other specific times.

**FREE DRESS:** The same standards of modesty, tightness, bagginess, and shortness that apply to school dress code also applies for Free Dress. Unacceptable school attire would include frayed or torn clothing; spandex or stretch pants; low or plunging necklines in front or in back, clothing that exposes the midriff area, and clothing that contains spandex. Clothing should not be overly baggy, tight-fitting or otherwise immodest. Jeans, athletic pants and shorts are allowed, but may not have holes or be ripped or torn. NO overly baggy, skin-tight, overly tight, or “skinny” jeans are allowed. Free Dress may ONLY be worn with a valid “FREE DRESS PASS” or at other specific times.

**AFTER SCHOOL ATTIRE:** The same standards of modesty, tightness, bagginess, and shortness that apply to school dress code also applies to after school sponsored functions (such as school programs, athletics, etc.)