



## HAMETOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### **School Appearance Guidelines**

Our aim is to be neat, clean, modest and respectful with our dress appearance that is pleasing to the Lord and an example to those around us. Our final goal of the Dress Code is to teach students submission to authority as well as function successfully in professional environments. We ask as parents that you support us in this matter even if your personal preference would differ.

Clothing must be loose-fitting and non-figure revealing. Everything must be moderate and not extravagant or excessive. No logos or words across the buttocks. Clothes must not have large graphics. Clothes and shoes in fluorescents, very bright colors or patterns are not permitted. All hair styles and make-up must be non-attention drawing. Clothing must be clean, pressed if needed, and in good condition (no holes/tears or faded/bleached). Standard color is: black, gray, blue and brown.

### **Dress Code Violations**

Any Dress Code violation will be corrected with school provided clothing (up to three times). The student will receive one demerit on the 1st offense and immediate 15 min lunch time detentions thereafter. On the 4th offense, the parent will be called to bring clothes. If the parent is unable to bring the appropriate clothes or come at all, the child will be sent home. Continual Dress Code violations may result in the child being suspended or expelled. Any violation involving hair will be immediately addressed with the parents and reasonable arrangements will be made to correct the issue. If the offense is extreme, the student may be required to stay home until the issue is corrected.

- July 6, 2023 is the current HCA Dress Code revision.
- The Principal is the final judge in all Dress Code matters.

## **General Dress – Girls**

**Blouses:** Only polo shirts, quarter zips, blouses, buttoned down shirts with collars and dressy crew neck or v-neck shirts are permitted. No casual t-shirts or flannels. The neckline must be within a 2-finger width of the collarbone. All tops and dresses must have sleeves.

**Skirts:** Only standard colored, print, striped, plaid skirts, jumpers, maxi skirts or dresses are permitted. Hem and slits must reach the middle of the knee when standing. The younger girls must wear shorts under their skirts or dress to play on the playground equipment.

- Leggings do not compensate for skirt/dress length.

**Hosiery:** Solid, standard color socks or hose are required.

**Pants:** (Not permitted on Tuesdays) Only standard color, loose fitting and straight leg School Uniform pants, khakis, and black denim slacks to the ankle are permitted. No blue jeans, parachute pants, cargo pants, leggings or yoga pants.

**Sweaters:** Only sweaters, fleeces, tops with v-necks, crew necks are permitted and don't require an under garment with a collar. If worn alone, tops must fall well below the waistline where no skin or undergarments can be seen in all movements.

- Sweatshirts and hoodies aren't permitted except for Dress Down days.

**Shoes:** Only conservative, feminine looking dress shoes and boots & standard color + white, low-top tennis shoes may be worn. High-top tennis shoes, hiking boots, slippers, sandals, flip-flops, crocs, jelly shoes and light-up shoes are not permitted. Heel height cannot exceed 2½ inches.

**Makeup:** Must be applied in a conservative manner and not draw attention.

**Hair:** Should be the original hair color. Minor highlights are permitted. Hair should be styled in a conservative, feminine manner and combed away from the eyes. No extreme styles, bleached, unnatural colors, or streaked hair is permitted. Hair is not to be shaven on areas of the head.

I Corinthians 11:15

**Accessories:** Only conservative necklaces, earrings and finger rings are permitted. Only one necklace and one set of earrings no larger than a quarter in any direction are allowed. One ring per hand. No body piercings, body jewelry, gauges, bandanas, durags, hats or tattoos are permitted.

**Outerwear:** Coats and jackets are permitted but must be removed upon entering the classrooms, Opening, or Bible lectures.

- Blankets aren't allowed unless permitted by the Supervisor.

**Dress Up Days – Girls**  
(Only Tuesday and Announced Days)

Must wear an appropriate dress or button down blouse and skirt. No pants allowed.  
All General Dress guidelines apply.

**Physical Education – Girls**

**Shirt:** Any color t-shirt or sweatshirts with large transfers are permitted as long as they are inoffensive and in good taste. We reserve the right to decide and will require the shirt to be changed or worn inside out. Spirit Wear tops are encouraged.

**Pants:** Loose-fitting shorts may be any standard color that touch the knee and are in good repair. Jean skirts, jeans, or sweatpants are permissible.

**Shoes:** Tennis shoes & socks may be any color and in good repair.

**Swimwear:** One-piece swimsuits must be worn under a dark colored, shirt (no tank tops) and shorts that touch the knee.

**Gym Bags:** A gym bag with student identification is recommended.

**Dress Down Days – Girls**  
(Never on a Tuesday)

May wear blue jeans or shorts that touch the knee. No tank tops, sleeveless or scoop neck shirts are permitted. The 2 finger rule applies to all tops. General Dress guidelines in the areas of hair, makeup, accessories and jewelry still apply. Hats, flip flops, sandals, sweatpants, leggings and pajamas are not permitted. No extremes in clothing or inappropriate subject matter will be accepted. The principal is the final judge in all these matters.

**Spirit Wear Days**  
(Every Friday and Announced Days)

A Day to wear your HCA Spirit Wear clothing! A Spirit Wear top is required. A Spirit Wear bottom is encouraged, however, ONLY jeans are permitted in the absence of a Spirit Wear bottom. If a student doesn't have a Spirit Wear top they must come to school in General Dress code. General Dress guidelines still apply in the areas of hair, accessories, makeup, and jewelry still apply.

→ Purchase HCA Spirit Wear on our [website](#) or in-person at [Power Graphics](#) in Norton ←

## **General Dress – Boys**

(Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

**Shirts:** Only polo shirts, quarter zips or button down shirts with collars are permitted. No flannels or casual t-shirts. All shirts must stay completely tucked in. Solid colored undershirts without writing are permitted but may not extend beyond the outer garment. All tops must have sleeves.

**Pants:** Only solid, standard color, loose fitting and straight leg dress pants, khakis, black denim slacks are permitted. No blue jeans, painter pants, parachute pants, joggers or cargo pants are allowed. Belts must be worn on pants with loops.

**Socks:** Only solid, standard color socks that cover the ankle are required.

**Sweaters:** Sweaters, vests, and fleeces are permitted and don't require an under garment with a collar. Sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted except for Dress Down days.

**Shoes:** Only conservative dress shoes and dress boots including standard color + white low-top tennis shoes may be worn. High-top tennis shoes, hiking boots, work boots (unless in Trade School), slippers, sandals, flip-flops, crocs and light-up shoes aren't allowed.

**Hair:** Conservative cuts which keep the hair off the collar and ears are required. Hair should be combed away from the eyes and sideburns no longer than the ear opening. No extreme hairstyles, dying or "tails", designs shaved in hair, unnatural colors or highlights are allowed. Boys must be cleanly shaven. No hats.

**Accessories:** Necklaces, chains, gaudy rings, bracelets, earrings, body piercings, bandanas, durags and tattoos are not permitted. Ties, when worn, must be visible at all times.

**Outerwear:** Coats and jackets are permitted, but must be removed upon entering the classrooms, Opening or Bible Lectures.

- Blankets are not allowed unless permitted by room Supervisor.

## **Dress up Days – Boys**

(Only Tuesday and Announced Days)

Must wear a button down shirt with a collar and tie. Clip-on ties are acceptable. Bow ties, string (bolo) ties and ties with large graphics are not permitted. Ties must always be visible.  
All General Dress guidelines apply.

## **Physical Education – Boys**

**Shirts:** Any color t-shirt or sweatshirts with large transfers are permitted as long as they are inoffensive and in good taste. Spirit Wear tops are encouraged.

**Pants:** Loose-fitting shorts may be any solid color that touch the knee and are in good repair. Jeans and sweatpants are permissible.

**Shoes:** Tennis shoes and socks may be any color and in good repair.

**Swimwear:** Loose-fitting shorts or swim trunks touching knees must be worn with t-shirts. No mid thigh, spandex, or speedos.

**Gym Bags:** A gym bag with student identification is recommended.

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(Never on a Tuesday)

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