

HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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2026-2027 DRESS CODE GUIDE



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Dress Code Overview



Hope Christian Academy requires that each student wear school approved attire. This attire enhances the atmosphere of learning, minimizes questions, and positively fosters a spirit of camaraderie among the student body. School attire specific to HCA identifies the student with a group which strives for excellence. Each student is requested to dress at school wearing neat, and clean HCA approved attire.

We encourage our students to express their individuality thoughtfully and clearly through civil conversation and academic rigor.

Our physical bodies are the dwelling of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:21-22), and we will all regard our bodies and the bodies of others with respect and dignity. We depend on parents to make sure their children are dressed and groomed properly for school.

Attire Guidelines

- During school field trips, HCA polos must be worn with school approved bottoms.
- Pants that are ripped, torn, distressed, or have fake holes are not to be worn.
- All other leg coverings (including tights and leggings) MUST be worn with a skirt, dress, or tunic, that goes to the top of the knees or past the knees. This length must be met all the way around the garment, both front and backside. Tunics may not be tied back or tucked in. Cartwheel shorts or spandex shorts must be worn underneath all skirts.
- All skirts and skorts must be as long as the top of the knee or reach the fingertips of arms fully extended to the side with a normal & relaxed posture. The length must be met all the way around the garment, both front and backside.
- Shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Approximately a 7 inch inseam.
- If you need to change for a sport, it must be done in the bathroom just prior to departing school grounds. Students must be appropriately dressed while on school grounds.
- Tank tops are not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times in school. Winter boots are NOT appropriate footwear inside the classroom. Students shall wear closed-toed, non-marking athletic shoes for P.E.

- Body piercings are not acceptable except for earrings, in the ears, for girls only.
- If a student has a tattoo prior to being enrolled at HCA, or decides after turning 18 years of age to acquire one, he/she must keep it covered at all times while on school grounds.
- Caps/hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Hair should be modestly styled, neatly combed and should not be a distraction or disruption to others. Hair must not cover the eyes. Mohawks, mullets, trendy hairstyles, multiple or unnatural colors that draw undue attention to themselves are not acceptable.

Chapel Day Attire

Chapel day attire is required on the first day of the school week for students in grades K-12.

Chapel attire will be a polo in the colors of navy or maroon with the HCA logo and dress code appropriate solid colored black, navy, grey, or khaki bottoms (slacks, skirts, or skorts) or dark wash denim blue jeans. School approved solid (navy, maroon, khaki) or plaid tartan jumpers or polo dresses are also allowed on these days. If young ladies choose to wear dresses or skirts that meet the required length listed previously, they are required to wear solid colored navy or white leggings, tights, or cartwheel shorts underneath.

Students must remain in chapel day attire dress the entire day, except when participating in physical education class for grades 6-12. Hoodies and sweatshirts may not be worn over or under chapel day attire. Joggers are also not allowed on these days, unless they are a golf pant.

If your student is prone to getting chilly, we would encourage you to purchase a long-sleeved polo for chapel days. Students will not be allowed to wear a long-sleeved shirt under polos. Students may also wish to keep a solid-colored sweater, cardigan, or blazer to be worn over top of their polos. Please be sure to stay in the HCA color palette for the clothing item worn over your student's polo.

House Choice Days

Each month, house leadership will designate one fun dress up day. This could be a day to wear clothing with sports teams, western clothes, or something fun and creative. These special house choice days will be announced ahead of time with HCA monthly calendars and the Hope Weekly.

Casual Attire

Clothing items considered casual attire include collared shirts, plain t-shirts (long or short sleeved), sweaters, crew necks, hoodies, dresses, skirts, colored denim jeans, dark wash blue jeans, golf pants and shorts (weather permitting), blouses, jumpers, joggers in their specific color palette, blazers or sports coats, cardigans, and ties. Approved HCA branded apparel produced for the HCA online store or official HCA events (ex: Pumpkins in the Patch, Science Olympiad, Jog-A-Thon, etc.) is also permitted on causal dress days, provided it falls within the approved color palette.

Royals Friday Attire

Royals Friday attire encompasses any casual day attire, chapel day attire, or HCA event shirt, (ex: Pumpkins in the Patch, Science Olympiad, Jog-A-Thon, etc.) All apparel items purchased from our HCA online store are allowed for Royals Friday attire, including hoodies. Vintage Royals attire is also acceptable on these days, including HCA event apparel items outside of the approved color palette.

Cold Weather Attire

Please dress students properly for the weather with a warm coat, gloves, and hat. Students will be expected to participate in all outdoor activities with their class. Extra shoes are required for outdoor activities on snowy, wet, or muddy days.

Dress Code Infractions

Lower School (Pre-K-Grade 6)

Infractions and consequences will be handled primarily with parents and guardians of students in lower school grades. **Lower school students will be given three warnings. Each warning will be accompanied by an email to the student’s parents or guardians.**

The fourth infraction will result in a phone call, and the student waiting in the office until a change of clothes is brought. An appropriate course of action will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis after a fourth infraction.

Upper School (Grade 7-Grade 12)

When students in grades 7-12 are not compliant with dress code, these actions will be taken:

Infraction	Consequence
1st	Student receives a verbal warning, and an email is sent to parents.
2nd	Student calls parents and waits in office for clothing.
3rd	Parents are called plus a parent and administrator conference is held.
4th	Parents are called plus detention is assigned after school.

Dress Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chapel Attire	Casual Attire	Casual Attire	Casual Attire	Royals Attire

Mandatory Polo Shirts

Each HCA student in grades kindergarten through grade 12 is required to have at least one navy or maroon short or long-sleeved polo embroidered with the white HCA shield logo. HCA will place a bulk polo order for a reduced price at the end of May for the following school year.

HCA polos are also required for special occasions and field trips.

Co-opped High School Game Days

After receiving the team dress information from the DHS athletic director, students will be allowed to wear what their coach is requiring of their team on game days as long as it meets the HCA dress code requirements and is approved by the HCA administration.

Pictorial Dress Code Guide and Clothing Retailers

Pictorial dress code reference guides for preschool, elementary, and secondary are found on the following pages. Each reference guide will explain which clothing should be worn on what days, according to the dress schedule.

Logo Magic in Dickinson has all of our HCA logos on file for both screen printing and embroidery.

Families may purchase clothing anywhere, as long as items adhere to the dress schedule. Suggested clothing retailers include: Land’s End, Old Navy, Kohl’s, Target, The Children’s Place, and Walmart.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All Chapel Attire items can be worn Monday-Friday if desired.

Grades K-12 Girls Chapel Attire

Skirts/Skorts



-Khaki, grey, black, or navy skirts/ skorts must reach the appropriate length of skirts/skorts referenced in the dress code guidelines.



-Must be worn with solid colored white or navy leggings or cartwheel shorts underneath if not a skort.

-To be worn with navy or maroon short-sleeved or long-sleeved HCA logo embroidered polos, or a navy cardigan with a white unembroidered polo underneath.

Blazer & Oxford Style



-Navy blazers may be worn with white long-sleeved or short-sleeved oxford style shirts only.



-Navy blazers are the only color option for blazers. White HCA logo embroidery is optional on the left upper side of garment.



-This blazer/oxford combination can be worn with any pants, skirt or skort in the chapel attire section.

-Embroidery is not necessary for oxford shirts.

Jumpers/Dresses



- Jumpers must be worn with a white long-sleeved or short-sleeved polo shirt underneath.

-Must be worn with solid colored white or navy leggings or cartwheel shorts underneath.



-Must meet the appropriate length referenced in the dress code guidelines.

-No HCA logo embroidery is necessary.



-Dresses must be worn with solid colored white or navy leggings or cartwheel shorts underneath.

-Must meet the appropriate length referenced in the dress code guidelines.



-Dresses may be long or short-sleeved.

-No HCA logo embroidery is necessary.

Grades K-12 Girls Chapel Attire

Polos



-A navy or maroon HCA logo embroidered polo is required for ALL students in grades kindergarten through grade 12.

-Polos can be worn with any pants, skirts, or skorts found in the chapel attire section.

Golf Pants



-Black, navy, grey, or khaki golf pants (made of non-sweat pant material) may be worn on chapel days.

1/4 Zip Tops



-May be purchased in navy or maroon. Must have HCA seal embroidered in white on the left upper side of shirt.

Pants



-Pants must be black, navy, grey, or khaki chinos/dress pants, or dark wash denim jeans.

-Must be in a boot, chino, or straight leg cut. No skinny jeans or jeggings.

-Jeans must have no rips, tears, or distressed markings.



Chapel Shorts



-Black, navy, grey, or khaki golf shorts (made of non-sweat pant material) may be worn on chapel days.

Grades K-12 Boys Chapel Attire

Pants



-Pants must be black, navy, grey, or khaki chinos/dress pants, or dark wash denim jeans.

-Must be in a boot, chino, or straight leg cut. No skinny jeans.

-Jeans must have no rips, tears, or distressed markings.

Blazer & Oxford Style



-Navy blazers may be worn with white long-sleeved or short-sleeved oxford shirts only.

-Navy blazers are the only color option for blazers. White HCA logo embroidery is optional on the left upper side of garment.

-Embroidery is not necessary for oxford style shirts.

Polos



-A navy or maroon HCA logo embroidered polo is required for ALL students in grades kindergarten - grade 12.

-Polos can be worn with any bottoms found in the chapel attire section.

Golf Pants



-Black, navy, grey, or khaki golf pants (made of non-sweat pant material) may be worn on chapel days.

1/4 Zip Tops



-May be purchased in navy or maroon. Must have HCA seal embroidered in white on the left upper side of shirt.

Chapel Shorts



-Black, navy, grey, or khaki golf shorts (made of non-sweat pant material) may be worn on chapel days.



Preschool-Grade 12

Girls & Boys Casual Attire

Vests

-May be purchased in navy, maroon, black, beige/khaki, white, or grey.



-Shirts underneath vests must be in the same color palette of navy, maroon, black, beige/khaki, white, or grey.



Joggers

Cotton Joggers



-Joggers/golf pants may be black, khaki, maroon, or navy only.

-Cotton joggers may be worn Tuesday-Friday only.

-Must have cuffed or tapered ankles

-Black, navy, grey, or khaki golf pants (not cotton) may be worn on chapel days.

Golf Pants



Jeans

-Any wash of blue jean or a jean in the pant color palette above is allowed to be worn Tuesday-Friday.

-Must be in a boot or straight leg cut. No skinny jeans or jeggings.

-Jeans must have no rips, tears, or distressed markings.



Cardigans & Hoodies



-May be purchased in navy, maroon, black, beige/khaki, white, or grey.

-Shirts underneath cardigans must be in the same color palette of navy, maroon, black, beige/khaki, white, or grey.



Shorts

-Shorts found in the chapel section on pages 7 or 8 as well as jean shorts, are acceptable.

-Students in grades 6-8 may change into school dress code appropriate athletic shorts within the color palette for physical education class.

1/4 Zip Tops

-May be purchased in navy, maroon, black, beige/khaki, white, or grey.



T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

-This includes long-sleeved and short-sleeved tees, crew necks, and hoodies.

-Must be plain, no graphics or large logos. Small brand logos (i.e. Puma, Nike swoosh, etc.) on the top crest of shirt or sleeve are acceptable.

-Approved HCA branded apparel produced for the HCA online store or official HCA events is also permitted on causal dress days, provided it falls within the color palette below.

-HCA logo is optional.



-All shirt options may be purchased in solid navy, maroon, black, beige/khaki, white, or grey.



What Not To Wear



- NO patterns
- NO spaghetti straps



- NO jerseys



- NO team shirts



- NO grey sweatpants



- NO crop tops



- NO rips
- NO tears
- NO holes
- NO distressed markings



- NO soccer socks



- NO graphic t-shirts