

HPCA High School Dress Code 2024-2025

A standard code of dress is required for all students at High Point Christian Academy.

We believe that a prescribed wardrobe policy promotes neatness, decreases competition, and the guidelines for dress in the high school division at High Point Christian Academy helps improve self-image and behavior. Our guidelines are based upon the Biblical principles of modesty, helping to ensure safety, promote community, and decrease distractions in the learning environment.

Hair Hairstyles should be clean and neatly maintained.

Hairstyles should not be distracting to the educational environment or bring excessive attention to the person. Unnatural hair colors (i.e. blue, green, etc.) are not permitted. A small strand of pink is allowed to honor Breast Cancer Awareness month in October.

General Clothing Guidelines (These apply to ALL school days, even Dress Down Days):

- Undergarments must not be visible at any time.
- Clothing must fit appropriately.
- Clothing must not have plunging necklines.
- Clothing fabrics should not be see-through.
- Clothing must not have holes, nor the appearance of holes, nor frayed edges.
 - One exception - full-length pants with a frayed hem are allowed
- Clothing should not advertise alcohol, tobacco, any anti-Christian slogans; no secular artists; no political message, no rude, no vulgar nor controversial slogans nor language.

Pants and Shorts –

- Pants/shorts should be only the following styles/materials: (Jeans are acceptable M-F)
Pants and shorts must be one of three materials: chino, denim, and corduroy.
Athletic material such as fleece, sweatpants, dri-fit, stretch pants are not allowed.
- Pants and shorts can be any solid color.
 - Must be without rips or frays (no cut-offs) and not excessively tight.
- No stretchy, legging-style pants/shorts.
- Pants/shorts must be worn at the waist, no 'sagging'.
- Shorts must reach to a minimum of 3" above the knee or longer.



Shirts

- **HPCA crew neck t-shirts** are acceptable within the code Mondays through Fridays. The t-shirt must be full length (reaching at least 3 inches past the waist and have sleeves).
- **Crew neck t-shirts that are one solid color** will be allowed Monday through Friday. These t-shirts must not have any other type of neck (i.e. no scoop neck or v neck), only crew neck with an opening close to the neck.
 - These solid color t-shirts may not have any writing, prints, graphics nor logos. Solid color t-shirts must have sleeves and be full-length, reaching a minimum of 3 inches below the waist.
- Front-buttoned polo/golf style shirts, button-down shirts w/collar, or polo shirts are allowed each day.
- Collared shirts should have no images/graphics or writing except for a small designer logo.
- Shirts should be buttoned close to the top.
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved.
- Shirts must have sleeves and cover shoulders.
- Shirts must be full-length - reaching a minimum of 3 inches past the waist
 - (Midriff cannot show, even when the student stretches, etc.)
- Shirts may be any brand or color; patterns, stripes, or prints.
- On Fridays only, t-shirts do not have to be one solid color.
 - Friday dress t-shirts may have logos, teams, colleges, etc.
 - No secular music artists or offensive media references can be worn

Shoes

Footwear consistent with safety needs and appropriateness are required at all times.

Outerwear Guidelines

Outerwear may contain appropriate brand logos, school or team names. Students may wear any pullover jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or hoodie during the school day provided they meet the guidelines listed above in the “general guidelines” section.

- Sometimes, classrooms become warm or activities are conducted outside and students may want to remove outerwear; if the outerwear is removed, the student must be wearing a shirt in compliance with the dress code.
- Any outerwear with full-length zippers are permitted with standard dress code shirt being visible at all times.

Friday Dress Code: All clothing should adhere to the general clothing guidelines already stated, but the following approved t-shirts are also allowed:

- HPCA t-shirts
- T-shirts with sports teams and college logos
- T-shirts with Christian-themed printing/messages
- Solid colored t-shirts

Seniors are allowed “Friday Dress” on Mondays as a privilege during second semester only.



Friday Dress and Dress Down are different!

Dress Down days are rare and allow sweatpants and athletic shorts in addition to the provisions of Friday Dress.

- Sweatpants and athletic shorts should adhere to the 3" above knee minimum length.
- Leggings are not allowed
- Hats are permitted on dress down days - must not be offensive nor political
- Loose fitting pajama pants are allowed on dress down days
- All clothing on dress down days should adhere to the guidelines listed under general guidelines.

Prohibited Items

- Dresses and skirts are not allowed
- Head must remain uncovered while inside any building
 - Hats are permitted on dress down days only and must not be offensive nor political
- Sunglasses inside buildings
- Political attire, political promotional items (bumper stickers, buttons, hats, flags, etc.)
- Earphones/earbuds inside buildings except in study hall
- Body piercing jewelry other than earrings or (nose piercing – small, straight stud only)
- Unnatural hair coloring (i.e. green, blue, etc.)
- While tattoos are permitted, it is up to the principal's discretion if they need to remain covered during school sponsored events.

Questions to ask self before coming to school:

1. Are my shorts long enough (not shorter than 3" above knee)?
2. Are my pants/shorts made of khaki/chino, denim or corduroy?
3. Are my pants/shorts a solid color?
4. Is any of my clothing see-through?
5. Do any of my undergarments show, even when I bend over or raise my arms?
6. Is there any writing or symbols on my clothing? If so, would they be approved according to the guidelines?
7. If it's a Friday and you're wearing a t-shirt - Will this shirt be approved according to those allowed for Fridays?
8. If I take off my outerwear at school, will what I have on underneath it be admissible?
9. If it's a dress down day - do my sweatpants/athletic shorts meet the general requirements of pants/shorts and the length requirement of 3" above the knee or longer?



Dress Code 'Quick Reference' FAQ's

1. Earbuds are not allowed in the hallways or at lunch
 - a. Earbuds are allowed in study hall
 - b. Earbuds may be allowed in a classroom at the discretion of the teacher
2. Can I wear pants, shorts, shirts or other articles of clothing with holes that have material behind the holes, so there really are not holes in the article of clothing? NO - never
3. Is a collared shirt required when wearing a crew neck sweater/sweatshirt? NO
4. 4. Can I wear sweatpants or athletic shorts? NO – only exception is designated “Dress Down days”
5. 5. Do seniors get ‘Friday Dress’ on Mondays? NO – not until January

Details of the HPCA dress code are not considered to be ‘all-inclusive’. School administration and its officials reserve the right to determine if clothing is inappropriate for all clothing, even items not specifically mentioned within the HPCA dress code. It is important that all clothing and accessories are clean, neat, modest, free from all offensive language/symbols/symbolism/innuendo and not distracting to the educational environment.

