



# HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

## DRESS CODE 2022-2023

The overall goal of the Heights Christian Schools (HCS) dress code is neatness and modesty. HCS students are to dress in a way that represents our school and our Lord in a positive manner. We greatly appreciate the assistance of parents to ensure their child is in dress code before they are brought to school. Thank you!

### ALL STUDENTS

#### TYPES OF CLOTHING

Boys must dress as boys; Girls must dress as girls. Clothing must not be oversized, baggy, or too tight. Clothing must fit modestly and be clean without being frayed or ragged. Pants must be worn at waist height at all times. Clothing that represents a violent lifestyle (such as "heavy metal") is not acceptable. No gang-affiliated attire of any kind may be worn to school. No skeleton or skull pictures are allowed. Clothing must not have any offensive pictures, cartoon characters or advertising endorsements of any kind on them. The key word is offensive.

#### SHORTS

Shorts must be uniform style. Uniform-style means thick and sturdy fabric. Cotton, cotton-blend, or denim is appropriate. Shorts must be mid-thigh in length (or longer) and must be worn at the waist. Shorts must fit properly and not be overly baggy or too tight. Shorts should be neat and clean without being frayed or ragged. No spandex, athletic, or sweat shorts are allowed.

#### PANTS

Jeans, slacks, Dockers-type pants, and cords are acceptable types of pants. Girls may wear capris. Pants cannot be oversized, baggy, or too tight. They must be worn at waist height at all times. Pants cannot have any holes or tears in them, either unintentional or by design. Pants should be neat and clean without being frayed or ragged. Sweatpants, warm ups, or jogging outfits are unacceptable.

#### SHIRTS

Plain white undershirts should not be worn as a shirt. While shirts do not have to be tucked in, all shirts must be long enough that they could be tucked in. Bare midribs should not be visible at any time.

#### SHOES

Sturdy shoes or sandals with a heel strap must be worn at all times. The heel of a shoe should not exceed one inch. Shoes are to be tied or fastened properly and must not be loose or floppy. No crocs or croc-style shoes. Tennis shoes must be worn on days the student has physical education.

#### HAIR

Hair is to be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Hair color is to be the natural color of the individual student and should not be tinted beyond what looks natural. If hair color is deemed inappropriate by the administration, the student will be asked to have it fixed. Haircuts should be conventional. Hair should not have drastic differences in length and should not hang in the eyes.

#### TATTOOS

Tattoos of short or long duration are not permitted. Students are also not to draw on any part of their bodies or clothing.

### BOYS SPECIFICALLY

#### PIERCINGS & JEWELRY

Boys are not permitted to have body piercings of any kind. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings to school.

#### HATS, CAPS & SUNGLASSES

Hats, caps, and sunglasses may be worn outside during recess/breaks only. If wearing a baseball cap, the bill of a cap must be worn facing forward. Hats and caps must not have any offensive pictures, cartoon characters or advertising endorsements of any kind on them. The key word is offensive. Sweatshirt/jacket hoods should be kept off of the head in the classroom. Hats, caps and sunglasses must be removed and stored away during classroom hours.

### GIRLS SPECIFICALLY

#### MAKE-UP & JEWELRY

Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> girls are not permitted to wear make-up at school. Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are not permitted to wear excessive make-up. False nails and expensive jewelry should be left at home. Earrings should be limited to one earring per ear. Long, dangling earrings are not permitted.

#### TOP STRAPS

A girl's bra straps should never be visible. Strapless tops are never permitted. Spaghetti straps are not permitted. Tank tops and tank top style dresses are permitted only if covered by a sweater or jacket worn the entire day. Undergarments should be worn at all times and shirts should never be see-through.

#### SKIRTS, DRESSES & LEGGINGS

The length of all skirts, dresses and skorts must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee at the shortest spot, including the slit. Leggings or tight-fitting stretch pants may only be worn under a dress, skirt or long shirt that is mid-thigh in length or longer. Fishnet stockings are not allowed.

### DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

The HCS dress code policy will be enforced as consistently as possible. Students who arrive at school out of dress code will be given a warning from their teacher, and a note will be sent home with the student to notify the parent of the dress code violation. The student might be asked to wear their P.E. clothes or office clothing as a replacement for that which is inappropriate.

The decision of the administration is the final say in all dress code matters. Students are encouraged to check with the school office when in doubt about a particular piece of clothing. We greatly desire and appreciate the assistance of our parents in minimizing dress code violations.