



2026-2027 HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DRESS CODE (LOWER SCHOOL)

As representatives of HHCA, Lower School students are expected to reflect our school values in how they dress while on campus and while attending school-sponsored events. The dress code is designed to support modesty, safety, consistency, and a learning environment where students can participate comfortably throughout the school day. Uniforms are required each day unless specifically exempted by school administration.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All clothing must be modest, sized appropriately, and in good condition.

Clothing may not be tight-fitting, oversized, sagging, ripped, torn, or distracting to the learning environment. HHCA Administration reserves the right to determine whether an item meets the intent of the dress code.

TOPS

Tops must be collared shirts with an embroidered HHCA logo purchased from, or embroidered through, one of the approved vendors listed below.

Approved Lower School top colors include:

- White
- Navy
- Gray
- Yellow
- Light blue
- Light pink

Outerwear, including hoodies, sweatshirts, and light jackets, must be HHCA-branded and in one of the approved top colors listed above. If outerwear is removed during the school day, students must be in uniform.

Winter coats may be any color but must be removed while inside during the school day.

BOTTOMS

All bottoms must be modest, tailored in fit, and in good condition.

Bottoms must be **visibly mid-thigh or longer**. This requirement will be closely monitored by mentors, and students wearing bottoms shorter than the approved length may be asked to change.

Approved Lower School bottom colors include:

- Navy blue
- Khaki
- Gray

Girls may also wear plaid skirts purchased through one of the approved vendors listed below.

Tights or leggings may be worn under a skirt and must be navy or gray.

MAKEUP AND NAIL TIPS

Lower School students are not permitted to wear makeup during the school day.

Artificial nail tips are not permitted in Lower School. Nail tips can interfere with handwriting, typing, play, and PE participation, and may create a safety concern or classroom distraction.

APPROVED RETAILERS AND VENDORS

Embroidery Vendors

The following vendors are approved to embroider the HHCA logo according to HHCA brand guidelines. Any HHCA logo added to clothing must be embroidered through one of these vendors.

- Big D's Royal Tees, Ridgeland
- Letters, Hilton Head Island and Bluffton
- Stitch Workstyles, no storefront; pickup and delivery available

Approved Retailers

Families may purchase approved uniform items through:

- Uniform Work & Sport (will share link and/or store opening/closing dates)
- Land's End: Click [HERE](#) to shop. Use school number: 900030891
- Tommy Hilfiger: Click [HERE](#) to shop. If requested, use code HILT01
- HHCA Shop, when open at hhca.org/shop: The HHCA Shop is our official online spirit store open at various times during the year. Orders are typically distributed on campus after each store closes. All sales are final. Refer to the dress code rules about when items in the store may be worn.

COMPLIANCE

Parents may be asked to bring compliant clothing when students are not dressed according to dress code.

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 will receive a written dress code reminder.

Students in Grades 3–5 may receive an infraction after they have been warned and informed.

After three written reminders, a discipline referral may be issued.

HHCA Administration reserves the right to amend the dress code or prohibit any clothing that does not conform to the general intent of providing a uniform, modest, safe, and school-appropriate appearance.

FRIDAYS

On Fridays, students may wear any HHCA-branded t-shirt or outerwear.

Jeans are permitted on Fridays as long as they meet the fit and condition requirements listed above. Jeans may not be ripped, torn, or frayed.

FOOTWEAR

Lower School students must wear tennis shoes during the school day.

Footwear must be safe, neat, closed-toe, and closed-heel.

Lower School students are not permitted to wear:

- Flip-flops
- Crocs
- Slippers
- Rain boots
- Snow boots

Light-up tennis shoes are permitted.

GROOMING AND HAIR

Hair should be neat, clean, and not distracting.

Boys' hair must be neatly groomed, above the collar, not longer than the top of the ear lobe, and above the eyebrows. Students' faces must be visible.

Extreme hair colors and styles are not permitted. Administration has the authority to determine whether a hairstyle or color is acceptable.

Boys may not wear earrings to school.

Jewelry that is excessive or distracting from the desired appearance of the dress code should not be worn.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Students should remain in dress code when attending field trips. Additional field trip dress expectations will be communicated by mentors.

Students attending or visiting campus after school dismissal or on weekends are expected to:

- Dress modestly and appropriately for the activity.

- Avoid shirts with offensive words, graphics, or advertisements that conflict with HHCA values.
- Follow athletic wear guidelines communicated by coaches.
- Refrain from being shirtless.

Students attending awards ceremonies, public meetings, or special events should dress as follows:

- Boys should wear dress pants, collared shirts, and shoes.
- Girls should wear dress pants or modest-length skirts.
- Short, tight-fitting skirts or tops are not permitted.
- Both boys and girls should wear appropriate dress shoes.

Students participating in fine arts performances or productions must wear appropriate performance attire as directed by the fine arts faculty. All clothing must follow the fit and modesty requirements above.