



2026-2027 HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DRESS CODE (MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL)

As representatives of HHCA, 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, consistency, and an environment that is appropriate for learning.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All clothing must:

- be modest and sized appropriately.
- be at least fingertip length when arms are down by the side.
- have a neatly tailored fit (no sagging, tight-fitting items, or low-riding bottoms).
- not be ripped or torn.

HHCA Administration reserves the right to determine whether an item meets the intent of the dress code.

TOPS

All tops must meet the fit requirements listed above.

Approved tops include:

- HHCA-branded t-shirts
- HHCA-branded hoodies
- HHCA-branded sweatshirts
- HHCA-branded jackets or outerwear

If outerwear is removed during the school day, the shirt worn underneath must also be HHCA-branded.

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

Students must have their HHCA-issued key card visible on their lanyard at all times during the school day.

BOTTOMS

All bottoms must meet the fit and length requirements listed above.

Approved bottoms include:

- solid navy pants
- solid khaki pants
- solid black pants
- solid navy shorts
- solid khaki shorts

Skorts for Girls

Girls may wear the approved skort available at www.hhca.org/uniform in various stores throughout the year. The skort may not be hemmed and must meet the fit guidelines above.

Approved Joggers

The only approved jogger-style bottoms are the exact HHCA-branded items available through:

- <http://www.hhca.org/shop>
- hhca.org/uniform

Athletic bottoms are not appropriate for the classroom. Athletic shorts, athletic skorts, athletic pants, and similar athletic wear are not approved for dress code. The only exception is the approved HHCA jogger-style bottoms listed above.

Jeans

Blue jeans are permitted on Fridays only and must meet all fit requirements outlined above. Jeans may not be ripped, torn, frayed, or excessively distressed.

APPROVED VENDORS

Please note that returns may not be available. All items must meet dress code requirements outlined above.

Online Stores

hhca.org/shop

HHCA's official online spirit store, HHCA Shop, is open at hhca.org/shop several times throughout the year, with dates published in school communications. All tops and bottoms offered through HHCA Shop are approved for Middle & Upper School dress code. The only jogger-style bottoms approved for dress code are offered in every store.

hhca.org/uniform

The only approved skort and approved jogger-style bottoms are available through uniform stores accessible at hhca.org/uniform during designated ordering periods throughout the year.

Approved Embroidery Vendors

The following vendors are approved to embroider HHCA logos when HHCA brand guidelines are followed:

- Big D's Royal Tees (Ridgeland)
- Lettrs (Hilton Head Island and Bluffton)
- Stitch Workstyles (no storefront)

COMPLIANCE

Mentors will perform daily dress code checks and may record infractions when students are out of dress code.

Parents may be asked to bring compliant clothing when students are not dressed properly.

Repeated dress code violations may result in disciplinary consequences in accordance with school policies.

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

FOOTWEAR

Footwear should be safe and neat.

All footwear must:

- have a closed toe
- have a closed heel

The following are not permitted:

- Crocs
- slippers

GROOMING & HAIR

Boys' hair should be neatly groomed. Hair should be above the collar, above the top of the ear lobe, and above the eyebrows.

Extreme hair colors and styles are not permitted. HHCA Administration reserves the right to determine what styles are acceptable.

Boys should be clean-shaven. Juniors and seniors may have facial hair if it is neatly groomed and maintained.

Boys may not wear earrings to school.

Boys and girls may wear a nose stud, but nose loops are not permitted.

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

P.E. & STRENGTH/FITNESS CLASS

Students taking P.E. or strength/fitness classes must change into clothing that meets the expectations outlined below.

Tops

- Any color t-shirt is permitted.
- Shirts must be modest and appropriately sized.
- HHCA branding is preferred.
- Branding for other schools or sports teams is not permitted.

Bottoms

- Athletic shorts must be navy, black, or khaki.
- Shorts must meet fingertip-length requirements.
- Bottoms must not be ripped or torn.
- Branding for other schools or sports teams is not permitted.

Tennis shoes must be worn.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Students on campus outside of school hours are expected to:

- dress modestly and appropriately for the activity they are attending.
- avoid clothing with offensive words, graphics, or advertisements that conflict with HHCA values.
- refrain from being shirtless.
- follow athletic wear expectations communicated by coaches.

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

- Boys should wear dress pants, collared shirts, and shoes.

- Girls should wear dress pants or modest-length skirts.
- Short or 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 attire approved by the fine arts faculty.

SCHOOL-HOSTED FORMAL EVENTS

Dress for girls attending dances, Homecoming, Prom, and other formal school-sponsored events should reflect HHCA values.

Dress for boys attending dances, Homecoming, Prom, and other formal school-sponsored events should include dress pants, a collared shirt, dress shoes, and attire appropriate for the event.