

STUDENT DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY & GUIDELINES

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

“But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.” 1 Corinthians 8:9



HLHS desires that our students present themselves in a way that honors their Lord and Savior by honoring their bodies and respecting those around them. We also strive to send a positive image to the community around us, therefore, we expect our students to dress in a clean, respectful, modest, attractive, and appropriate fashion. Therefore, students will dress in a way that does not expose undergarments, bare midriffs, or other inappropriate areas of skin/cleavage. Students will go further by making sure their clothing is not offensive, suggestive, drug and/or alcohol related, ***promoting or giving the impression of promoting violence***, or promoting people, groups, or performers who portray Christ, Christianity, or a Biblical Lifestyle in a negative light. ***The finger-tip rule for shorts, dresses, and skirts, while not definitive, is a starting guideline for length.*** The responsibility for proper dress and good grooming rests with the individual and his/her parents or guardians.

STUDENT PERMITTED DRESS

The following items are allowed in the HLHS Student Dress Code:

- A. Denim, Khaki, or Dress Pants or Shorts are allowed*
- B. Dress or Skirt of appropriate length are allowed for girls*
- C. Dress Shirts, Polo Shirts, Blouses, and appropriate T-shirts*
- D. Athletic Gear assigned by a HLHS Activity or Athletic Team may be worn as a team with permission from the administration*

EXAMPLES OF OTHER CLOTHING AND APPEARANCE GUIDELINES:

The following is not exhaustive, but is meant to serve as a guide for families and students.

- A. No spaghetti strap tank tops or dresses, or strapless attire without a cover up.
- B. ***No sweat pants, athletic pants, yoga pants, leggings, flannel, pajama pants during the school day.***
- C. Hats and other headwear should not be worn indoors.
- D. Clothing from local high schools is not allowed (exception – student’s wearing HLHS co-op sportswear).
- E. No clothing that is soiled, stained, or emits an offensive odor.
- F. Extreme hairstyles, overly distracting piercings such as gauges and large nose rings, other facial piercings, and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- G. Students are to observe proper hygiene and be clean and not omitting offensive odors during the school day.

Students are responsible for the decisions they make. Students judged to be in non-compliance by a teacher will be sent to the school office for further action. The administration has final authority regarding dress code violations. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item of clothing, an accessory, or an appearance is consistent with the school’s guidelines, ask the principal for approval.

Other dress code notes:

The Student Dress Code applies to students in attendance at school activities and events home or away. We expect HLHS students to keep this in mind as they come to evening or weekend events. If a student attends an HLHS event dressed immodestly or in a fashion that expresses values that are not in harmony with the Christian values of our school, he/she will be asked to change or leave.

First Dress Code Offense:

A warning is issued and recorded and the student must remain in the office until a change appearance is possible. Minor violations maybe permitted to return to class without a change at the discretion of the administration.

Subsequent Dress Code Offenses:

Same procedure but the student will be assigned an OSI, based on the offense and/or the number of offenses. Repeat offenders will see escalating consequences.

