

STUDENT APPEARANCE STANDARDS



**HERITAGE
CLASSICAL ACADEMY**

The Student Appearance Standards are implemented to reflect the spiritual, social and academic environment at Heritage Classical Academy. We believe that “children are a heritage from the Lord” (Psalm 127:3) and strive to provide student appearance standards that are practical and reflect the principles of modesty, neatness, and unity. Uniform clothing should be easy for students to wear, easy for parents to purchase, and easy for the HCA staff to supervise. We have selected apparel that we believe will enhance the atmosphere of the classroom by eliminating distractions and promote learning.

Parents and students must consider the Student Appearance Standards as they plan the academic day at HCA. Because students purchase their uniform clothing with parents and dress for school at home, the primary responsibility of Student Appearance Standards lies with each student’s parents. We would much prefer appropriate clothing and appearance decisions be handled at home to ensure compliance with HCA standards. If a student or parent has a question of whether a specific article of clothing or shoe style is appropriate, please contact the appropriate Campus Student Director before wearing the attire.

While we have taken care to set precise standards, no list of standards can cover every possibility. We realize that whenever appearance standards are implemented, there will be unforeseen circumstances. In light of this, the administration will make the final decision concerning student appearance compliance should specific issues arise.

Families may purchase uniform items from any retailer of their choice. Examples of appropriate uniform items, however, may be found on the Lands End website by entering Preferred School Number 900096967. HCA will receive a contribution from Lands End from the proceeds of all uniform items purchased through the Preferred School Program.

PRESCHOOL

- Attire should be modest and neat
- Play clothes and sneakers are best, given regular large motor activities
- For safety reasons, flip-flops, crocs, boots, sandals, platform shoes and shoes without rubber soles are not permitted
- Inappropriate slogans, advertising, or characters will not be allowed
- Shorts are permitted until November 1st in the fall and after April 1st in the spring
- When girls wear skirts or dresses:
 1. the skirt or dress must come to the top of the knee
 2. bike shorts (also called “playground pants” or “cartwheel shorts”) should be worn underneath dresses and skirts when not wearing tights or leggings

STUDENT APPEARANCE STANDARDS

YOUNG MEN (ACADEMY/STUDY CENTER)

TOPS

- Polo shirts must be white, navy, burgundy or light blue (short or long-sleeved are permitted)
- Oxford shirts must be white or light blue (short or long-sleeved are permitted)
- White or navy turtlenecks may be worn in cold months
- Navy or burgundy v-neck sweaters or sweater vests in uniform styles may be worn over uniform shirts (see examples on Land's End uniform website)
- White or gray cotton or cotton-blend short-sleeved, crew-neck t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts (stretch t-shirts are not permitted)
- Boys' shirts must be tucked in
- Coats may not be worn during class time
- Only approved HCA outerwear may be worn during class. Pullover hoodies and all other spiritwear may only be worn on Fridays.

PANTS

- Uniform-style tan, khaki, or navy blue pants - all cotton or cotton/poly blend
- Uniform style tan khaki or navy Bermuda shorts - all cotton or cotton/poly blend (May be worn until November 1st during the fall semester and after April 1st during the Spring semester)
- Uniform pants may have a pleated or flat front
- Pants should have slit or welt pockets and must be worn with a business-attire belt
- No corduroy, cargo, or riveted pants.
- Uniform pants, shorts, and skirts must not be ripped, split or frayed.

SOCKS/SHOES

- Socks must be white, navy, black, gray or tan
- Shoes must be leather, leather-looking, or suede and brown or black in color
- **SOLID** white, black, or navy tennis shoes are permitted (no wheeled or light-up shoes)

OTHER

- No visible tattoos or body piercings
- Boys' hair should be no longer than collar length
- Hair should be kept neat, clean, and out of the face. Extreme hair fashions including but not limited to extreme grooving and unnatural coloring are not permitted.

FURTHER GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

- Students 3rd grade and up at the Peninsula campus must wear HCA sportswear provided through HCA at beginning of the school years during physical education class.
- Students at the Bainbridge campus are not required to wear HCA sportswear for the 2019-2020 school year, however, they are expected to bring tennis shoes on PE day

DRESS DOWN DAYS

- At various points during the school year, the Campus Director may permit a partial or complete dress down day. Parents will be notified in advance via email.
- On Dress Down Days, students should dress in a manner that is respectful, modest, glorifying to God, and in compliance with the spirit of the Student Appearance Standards
- Short and skirts must be at least as long as the student's fingertips when the arm is extended straight down the side of the body

ENFORCEMENT OF STUDENT APPEARANCE STANDARDS

- First office referral: an email is sent to parents informing them of the nature of the SAS violation and documentation of the violation is recorded in RenWeb
- Subsequent office referrals: an email is sent to parents informing them of the nature of the SAS violation, the student receives a lunch detention, and documentation of the violation is recorded in RenWeb
- If necessary, parents will be called to bring in what is needed for the student to comply with the dress code

YOUNG WOMEN (ACADEMY/STUDY CENTER)

TOPS

- Polos must be white, navy, burgundy, or light blue with traditional or "Peter Pan" collars (long or short-sleeved are permitted)
- Oxford shirts must be white or light blue (long or short-sleeved permitted)
- White, navy, or burgundy uniform cardigans that fall to the top of the hip may be worn over uniform shirts (long sweaters that fall past the hip are not permitted)
- Navy or burgundy v-neck sweaters or sweat vests in uniform styles may be worn over uniform shirts (see examples on Land's End uniform website)
- White or navy turtleneck may be worn in cold months
- White or gray cotton or cotton-blend short-sleeved, crew-neck t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts (stretch t-shirts are not permitted)
- Girl's shirt lengths must overlap slacks when untucked (no part of midriff may ever be exposed)
- Girl's are not required to tuck-in shirts but must wear a business attire belt should they choose to do so
- Coats may not be worn during class time
- Only approved HCA outerwear may be worn during class. Pullover hoodies and all other spiritwear may only be worn on Fridays.

PANTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Uniform-style tan, khaki, or navy blue skirts or jumper (must be solid in color)
- Polo-style uniform dresses must be white, navy, light blue, or burgundy and may be worn by young ladies in kindergarten through 5th grade (long or short-sleeved permitted)
- All skirts and dress must come to the top of the knee
- Leggings or tights must be worn with skirts or dresses November 1st to April 1st
- Uniform-style tan, khaki or navy blue pants - all cotton or cotton/poly blend
- Uniform style tan khaki or navy Bermuda shorts - all cotton or cotton/poly blend (May be worn until November 1st during the fall semester and after April 1st during the Spring semester)
- Pants and shorts should have a business attire rise and fit and should fall to the top of the shoe (low-rise, capris, and form-fitting or "skinny" pants are not permitted)
- Pants may have a pleated or flat front and slit or welt pockets
- No corduroy, cargo, or riveted pants.
- Uniform pants, shorts, and skirts must not be ripped, split or frayed.

SOCKS/SHOES

- Ankle socks, knee socks, tights, and leggings, must be white, navy, black, gray, or tan (leggings can be worn underneath uniforms skirts and dress in lieu of tights)
- Girls in kindergarten through 2nd grade should wear uniform color bike shorts (also called "playground pants" or "cartwheel shorts") underneath dresses and skirts when not wearing tights or leggings)
- Shoes must be leather, leather-looking, or suede and brown or black in color
- **SOLID** white, black, or navy tennis shoes are permitted (no wheeled or light-up shoes)

OTHER

- No visible tattoos or body piercings with the exception of one pair of earrings
- Hair should be kept neat, clean, and out of the face. Extreme hair fashions including but not limited to extreme grooving and unnatural coloring are not permitted.
- Light, natural-looking make-up and nail polish may be worn with parental permission.

COVID-19

FACE COVERINGS

- Face coverings should maintain the spirit of HCA's student appearance standards.
- It is a requirement that face coverings are solid in color or a very simple pattern.
- No sparkles, reflective materials, tie-dye, words, or logos (except the HCA logo)