

CHA DRESS CODE

The Purpose of Our Dress Code:

The dress code establishes the guidelines for parents and students on appropriate school attire that will foster a productive learning environment. The purpose of our dress code is threefold:

- **To Promote Biblical Modesty** - Modesty is an attitude of the heart that is inclined towards God and committed to presenting oneself in a manner that does not expressly draw prideful and self-pleasing attention. We believe our dress code helps to train the hearts of our students while still allowing them opportunity to express their individual character and preference. [1 Tim. 2:9]
- **To Teach Honor Towards Authority** - Honor is also an attitude of the heart that is inclined towards God and committed to displaying one's value and significance of Him by respecting those whom He has placed in positions of authority. We believe our dress code contributes to training the character of our students, through yielding to authority, while still allowing them a freedom from unnecessary restraints. [Rom. 13:1]
- **To Nurture Neatness & Care** - Neatness and care are outward expressions of a personal commitment to display one's best before the Lord at all times. We believe our dress code helps our students develop the ability to be purposeful in their decisions and actions and aware of the impact of their choices. [Col. 3:23]

The dress code is a vital component of our learning environment, campus community, and institutional character. We seek to glorify God in all that we do. Therefore, the dress code applies to the school day, extra-curricular events, athletic contests, and all events on or off campus in which Christian Heritage Academy is actively participating or being represented unless otherwise stipulated. Parents are urged to screen their children's attire to help them comprehend and comply with the threefold purpose of the school dress code.

CHA will occasionally offer Dress Down Days where normal dress code requirements are suspended. On these occasions, students may wear jeans or shorts without tears and holes, long or short sleeve t-shirts with no pictures or words, and dresses, shorts, and non-uniform skirts that meet dress code length requirements.

The administration reserves the right to evaluate the level of dress code compliance at any time and address students regarding any form of dress they consider inappropriate. Any student in violation of the dress code will be addressed according to the guidelines established in our discipline policy.

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BOYS AND GIRLS:

PANTS:

- Khaki (tan; not green), gray, or navy pants with a maximum of four pockets (not cargo type), and must not be frayed, ripped or low-riding.
- Dress shorts may be worn that touch the knees and meet the same conditions as pants.
- If the pants have loops, a belt or suspenders must be worn (Grades 2 -12).
- Pants should be of casual fit, precluding jeans type pants that incorporate a tight, immodest look. The intention is simply not to wear tan colored "jeans".

SHIRTS:

- Pullover or button down shirts (short or long sleeve) must have collars. Various color and pattern choices are permitted but should not distract, disrupt, or draw unnecessary attention within the school environment.
- Also acceptable is the official CHA logo shirt, which must be purchased through the CHA office or the approved online link.
- Boys' (Grades 1-12) shirts must be tucked in at all times except for recess and PE.

SHOES: No high-heels, military-style footwear, flip flops, crocs, or shoes that have interior rollers. Tennis shoes are required for all PE classes.

SOCKS: Required for boys. Girls' solid colored tights and leggings (tights w/out feet) may be worn under skirts.

GIRLS:

- **JUMPERS:** Navy, gray, khaki or blue plaid
- **SKIRTS/SKORTS**—Khaki, gray, or navy may be worn that touch the knee when standing

SWEATERS/HOODIES/JACKETS:

- Sweaters and Cardigans are permitted with a collared shirt
- School logo outerwear attire will be available for purchase through the office.
 - These items may be worn in the classroom.
 - Non-CHA logo outerwear may be worn to school but may not be part of classroom attire. Outer coats are not be worn in the classroom.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ATHLETIC TEAMS: On occasion, school teams may incorporate "Game Day" dress to be approved by the coach and Head of School.

GIRLS:

- Hats removed while indoors
- Two ear piercings are the only visible piercings allowed

UNACCEPTABLE:

Excessive makeup or jewelry (including those with inappropriate words or messages), unnatural hair dyes (orange, green, etc.), tattoos (if already applied, must be covered during school hours and functions)

BOYS:

- Hair must be worn moderate, neat and clean. Length must be above eyebrows, off shirt collar, shorter than middle of ears. No unnatural hair dyes.
- Hats removed while indoors
- Must be clean shaven on a daily basis

UNACCEPTABLE:

Earrings, visible piercings, excessive jewelry (including those with inappropriate words or messages), tattoos (if already applied, must be covered during school hours and functions)