

HESPERIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2024-2025 DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY: At HCS we desire to have a biblical approach to dress. While there is no one “Christian way” to dress, we believe there are sound reasons for providing some guidelines for school clothing. Our dress code is designed to:

- Help develop Christian character in our students through modesty and appropriateness of dress
- Allow clothing to enhance, not detract from the learning atmosphere
- Be affordable
- Be easily followed
- Be easily administered

RESPONSIBILITY: Adherence to HCS’s Dress Code starts in the home, giving a significant responsibility to parents to guide their children on their clothing decisions. Dress Code infractions can result in missed class time (while students wait for appropriate clothing) and/or detention. The HCS administration and appointed faculty and staff retain the sole discretion as to whether a student’s appearance is appropriate.

HESPERIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM:

1. Students are to wear polo uniform style shirts with Hesperia Christian Patriot uniform logo embroidered. Shirts must be black, gray, navy blue, royal blue, or red.
2. Students are to wear plain jeans or khakis style pants. Shorts must have a minimum 5 inch inseam or hit the middle of the thighs. Uniform skorts must hit the middle of the thighs. Skirts and dresses are not permitted.
3. Students may wear Hesperia Christian sweatshirts only. Non HCS outerwear (flannels, hoodies, zip up hoodies, etc.) are not permitted. Winter coats are permitted on cold days only.
4. Wednesdays are School Spirit Dress Day! Students may wear their normal uniform or a Hesperia Christian T-shirt with any color pants, joggers, athletic pants, sweatpants, or athletic shorts (5 inch inseam). Leggings, yoga pants, pajama pants and the like are not permitted along with writing on the backside. Skirts and dresses are not permitted.
5. Students must wear shoes during school hours. Elementary students must have closed toes shoes with a back.
6. PE uniforms and athletic shoes are required for those students grades 7 -12 who are enrolled in physical education. During cool weather PE students may wear navy sweat pants with an HCS sweatshirt. Elementary students in grades 5 and 6 should come with athletic shoes every day for PE.

DRESS CODE STANDARD:

- Clothing must be modest, neat, clean, properly sized, hemmed, and without holes and rips. No cut offs or large frays (1/4 inch maximum).
- Clothing must cover midriff and lower back. Undergarments must not show.
- Accessories (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings) which are in good taste and not distracting may be worn. During school students may wear earrings (no gauges) and one nose stud or hoop. Septum piercings must not show.
- Slogans and symbols on coats, bags, hats, etc, should not be anti-Christian or derogatory.
- Hair must be neat, clean, and out of the eyes. Hair may be a natural color with any color accents.
- Hats and hoods should be removed during chapel and upon teacher request.

AFTER SCHOOL AND SPECIAL EVENTS: When attending events after school hours, keep in mind that you are representing Hesperia Christian School. Please keep your attire clean, neat, modest, and not derogatory. During some special events (eg. Homecoming, graduation) students will be asked to adhere to the following minimum standard; Boys should wear dress slacks, a button down the front shirt with either a tie or sport coat; Girls should wear an appropriately modest dress, skirt/blouse or pant/blouse combination. Dresses and skirts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Attire for special events must be approved by the Dean of Students.