



Academic Attire Policy

Philosophy and general statement

HMS believes that school performance and future success are enhanced by appropriate dress and grooming. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work closely with the school by emphasizing to their students, standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety, and modesty in dress and grooming. It is our desire to encourage each student to be Christ-centered, choosing a manner of dress that would be modest, neat, and bring glory to God rather than to the wearer. The academic attire policy is in effect for all students while attending school functions or school sponsored activities on or off the school property. Exceptions to the dress code for certain school-related events are determined by administration, and families will be notified of occasions when exemptions to the normal academic attire policy apply.

While it is inevitable that there may be a difference of opinion regarding appropriateness of clothing, grooming, and/or determining whether a student’s attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment of the school, final determination will be made by school administration. Any student who does not comply with the dress code will be removed from the regular school setting until a parent can provide proper attire.

Clothing

Any apparel or attire that is considered to be inappropriate, distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment or is considered a safety concern is prohibited. Clothing worn for events that are exceptions to the uniform dress code (i.e., Fridays or Spirit Days) should align with our core values and not include inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory (i.e., referencing alcoholic beverages, profanity, sex, tobacco, drugs, gang affiliation, satanic themes, promoting violence, bands, etc.)

Shirts should cover the shoulders. Halter tops, exposed midriffs, strapless and/or low-cut tops, exposed backs, cold shoulder tops, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, and tanks with oversized armholes are not permitted. Undergarments shall not be visible or exposed. Uniform approved fleece jackets, cardigans, sweaters, and sweater vests may be worn for warmth. Other jackets, hats and gloves may be worn in the gym or outside at recess only.

Pants shall be worn securely at the waist. Sagging is prohibited. Bicycle shorts, gym shorts, form fitting, and skin-tight shorts or pants of spandex or other similar materials may not be worn as pants alone. HMS Administration will determine the appropriate length, but in general, skirts, dresses, jumpers, skorts and shorts should fall no shorter than the students hand width from the knee. Excessively high slits in skirts will not be permitted.

During the winter months students should bring appropriate winter clothes to play outside in the snow. This includes snow pants, winter coat, winter gloves, snow boots, and a winter hat.

Everyday Attire	Boys	Girls
Top	Uniform polo of any solid color, solid colored oxford shirts or buttoned shirts	Uniform polo of any solid color, solid colored oxford shirts or buttoned blouses Solid colored polo uniform dresses
Bottom	Pants or shorts in khaki, navy blue or black	Pants, shorts, or skirts in khaki, navy blue or black
Shoes	Close toed	Close toed
Socks	Solid colored socks in uniform colors (navy blue, white, black, gray)	Solid colored socks in uniform colors (navy blue, white, black, gray)
Outerwear	Uniform fleece, cardigans, sweaters, and Sweater vests (solid colors)	Uniform fleece, cardigans, sweaters, and Sweater vests (solid colors)

Friday/Field Trip Attire*	Boys	Girls
Top	School uniform, HMS spirit wear t-shirt or hoodie	School uniform, HMS spirit wear t-shirt or hoodie
Bottom	Uniform pants or jeans	Uniform pants or jeans (Leggings may be worn by kindergarten-2 nd grade only)
Shoes	Close toed	Close toed
Socks	Student choice within dress code guidelines	Student choice within dress code guidelines

*Unless the teacher leading the field trip specifies different attire

Music Performance	Boys	Girls
Top	White button-up shirt or White polo shirt (Tucked in)	White top Black & white dress (No sleeveless)
Bottom	Black pants	Black pants or skirt
Shoes	Black close toed	Black close toed
Socks	Black or white	Black or white socks or tights

Footwear

Closed toed shoes are required. Footwear with toes and/or soles reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is prohibited. Sandals and light-up shoes are prohibited (no open toes, slingback, or spike heels). Footwear with wheels or characters is prohibited. Rain or snow boots may be worn on rainy or snowy days for outside play only. (Regular shoes should be worn inside.)

Hair, Nails, Tattoos, Accessories

Hair must be combed, neat, clean, and a natural hair color. Unconventional hairstyles that are considered to be distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment are prohibited. Nails or nail polish should be natural in appearance. Fake and acrylic nails are not acceptable. Nails should be neat and trim, a length that will not impede writing, recess, and PE activities. Visible tattoos and similar body paintings are prohibited or must be covered at all times. Jewelry is not allowed at HMS. Watches with audible alarms/notifications need to be silenced. HMS is not responsible for loss or injury due to accessories. Hats, caps, or other head apparel, including sunglasses, are not permitted to be worn in the school building. Hair accessories are limited to hair ties, barrettes, and plain headbands. Feathers, fake hair, extreme headbands, and glitter strands are prohibited.