

## Dress Code

### **DRESS CODE / APPEARANCE**

Based upon God's clear will for our lives in the Ten Commandments, God calls us to live a modest and chaste life. Therefore, HLHS expects proper grooming and dress. We need to ask why a dress code? But first, why wear clothes? Read this quote from Brian Young's book, *Doubts about Creation? Not After This!*: "We must go back to Genesis and the fall of man in the garden of Eden. We see Adam and Eve sinning and becoming aware of their nakedness. God then killed the first animal as a blood sacrifice and covering for their sins. There it is, sin is why we wear clothing today, and consequently, a man and women can no longer look at each other in the perfect way as they once could because sin has distorted their relationship. Therefore what we wear can put a stumbling block in another person's path, thereby causing them to sin. We are told that if a man lusts after a woman's body he commits adultery. Why are men singled out? I would probably get little argument from males when I declare that a man responds very easily to a woman's body sexually and, therefore, what she wears can put a stumbling block in a males path, causing him to sin. Matthew Henry, popular Bible commentator, once said, "Men sin but devils tempt to sin." How true this is. We are all sinners and need the support and guidance of others to help us along. When a woman wears clothes that are indecent she is tempting the male into sin, maybe not intentionally, but nonetheless she is tempting. This does not relieve the male from his responsibility to keep his eyes from wandering. Nor does it relieve the female from her responsibility of dressing decently." **The administration reserves the right to make final decisions on the appropriateness of appearance/dress/apparel.**

#### I. Clothing must:

A. Communicate a Christ-centered or, at minimum, tasteful message. This includes, but not limited to the following examples:

##### ACCEPTABLE

- ★ HLHS wear
- ★ College/University clothing
- ★ Clothing publicizing Christian musical artists
- ★ Christian witness clothing
- ★ Clothing with logos from manufacturers that do not go against Christian principles

##### NOT ACCEPTABLE

- ★ Any clothing that goes against the message of Christ
- ★ Goth(ic) style
- ★ Motorcycle/biker garb
- ★ Clothing publicizing musical artist with imagery that is vulgar, sexual, violent, or distasteful
- ★ Clothing that makes references to any illegal or controlled (harmful) substance in any way
- ★ Halter tops, tube tops, backless tops, bare midriff tops, tank tops, and/or any tops cut low in the front
- ★ No writing or slogans printed on the back of lower garments
- ★ No ripped pants/shirts
- ★ No JNCO style (boxers showing)
- ★ No Pajama pants or those resembling pajama pants

B. Clothing must be clean, in good repair and meet or exceed the following standards:

1. All clothing must be mid-thigh length, closer to kneecap, or longer.
2. All clothing must completely cover and conceal all undergarments including racer-back sports bras.
3. Clothing must completely cover torso/midriff at all times.

4. **“Tight”** clothing must be covered completely (ex yoga pants, skinny jeans, jeggings, leggings) by another article of clothing. Example: Tight shirts must be worn with another layer.

C. Coats, backpacks, headwear (including bandannas), gloves, and/or mittens may not be worn inside the school building during the school day. NOTE: All of these items must be stored in the student’s locker. Clothing may not be brought to class or laid on the hallway floors or chairs.

D. Footwear is to be worn at all times. Flip-flops are not allowed during the school hours. All shoes must have secure backing. No slippers or anything resembling slippers. Please, just wear shoes.

E. Hairstyles will reflect careful grooming and may not distract from the learning environment. We prefer our male students to be clean shaven and have short clean-cut hair to promote a professional atmosphere. Hair must not cover the face. **Hair must resemble a natural hair color.**

F. Jewelry must be used in moderation by our students. Body piercing, other than one pair of earrings (in earlobe) for females, are not allowed. Males are not allowed to wear earrings during school hours or events. Visible tattoos must be covered at all times.

G. Dress code for certain classes/activities such as PE, Prom or science class (labs) may also be required.

Students in violation of the above guidelines are not allowed to participate in the school day unless the violation is remedied immediately. The second and following violations will result in possible detentions/fines/summer community service. Students may receive a one-day in-school suspension if the violation disrupts the learning environment or violates the covenant statement. **Again, the administration reserves the right to make final decisions on the appropriateness of ALL appearance/dress/apparel.**