## Dress Code

HCA’s uniform and dress code has been adopted to foster the learning environment (minimize distraction) and school pride. We also hope it will develop habits of modesty, respect, accountability, and reduce peer pressure. Students in grades 1-12 are required to wear a belt with uniform shirts or polos and shirts must be tucked in at all times, except on Spirit Wear or Casual dress days. Clothing must be neat, clean, and in good repair with no holes, patches, rips, tears or frays. Form-fitting or skin-tight clothes, leggings, stretch pants, ‘yoga pants’ or compression shorts are not acceptable as outerwear during the academic day, to include any special dress days. Navy or white leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirts. Students may be denied attendance (an unexcused absence) at school and/or HCA events for clothing and/or appearance that is deemed inappropriate by HCA faculty.

## Personal Appearance

As Warrior leaders in the community, several guidelines are established for our students’ personal appearance. Hair that extends past the eyebrows or causes an educational distraction in the opinion of the administration is not allowed. If dyed, hair must be a natural human hair color. Boys must maintain a neat style that does not extend past the collar, and sideburns may not extend past the ears. Boys must also be clean-shaven. No student is permitted to have any tattoos or piercings, except earrings for girls. Boys may not wear earrings. No hats, hoods, or head coverings of any kind are allowed inside the school during the academic day, except in accordance with special dress days and as allowed by the classroom teacher and HCA administration. Girls’ jewelry and make-up must be worn in modest taste.

## Uniform Requirements

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| LOGO REQUIREMENTS | * Monogrammed uniform items to be worn Monday through Thursday must be purchased from the Lands’ End Uniform catalog or items currently approved by the administration that are sold by the Booster Club. * Uniforms must be worn from the time the student arrives on campus until the student leaves campus after school or begins another after school activity. * On Spirit Days, all tops and outerwear must be HCA spirit wear but do not have to necessarily feature the HCA logo. |
| APPROVED VENDORS | * The Lands’ End Uniform catalog is the approved vendor for uniform items unless otherwise noted. Preferred School #9000-9487-1. * Uniform items may also be purchased during a school uniform consignment sale. * Friday Spirit Wear will be available for purchase through the HCA Booster Club. (All Spirit Wear attire designs are approved in advance by administration.) |
| TOPS | * Lands’ End Brand Only (Preferred School #9000-9487-1) * ALL shirts tucked in except girls Broad Cloth shirt. * Short or Long Sleeve Polo - Navy, Maize * Short or Long Sleeve Oxford or Twill - White, Light Blue * Three Quarter Sleeve Oxford - White or Light Blue * Peter Pan Knit Top - White or Light Blue |
| BOTTOMS | * The following colors will be allowed: Khaki (TAN only, not brown) and Navy Blue. * Jumpers may also be purchased in Khaki, Navy or Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid. Plaid items must be purchased from Land’s End Uniform Catalog. * Tan or Navy classic fit Pants, Capris for girls, Shorts or Skirts (both 2” or less above kneecap). Bottoms must be modest and fit appropriately. Form-fitting pants/leggings nor elastic ankle “jogger pants” are not permitted. No rips or holes. * Skirts, Skorts, Shorts and Jumpers - MUST fit appropriately and can be no shorter than 2” above the kneecap at any time. If girls wear tights or leggings, the 2” rule remains the same. Tights must be solid white, khaki, navy, or black. * On Fridays or Casual dress days, students may wear blue jeans or navy or gold athletic shorts (again, no more than 2” above the knee). Sweatpants or form-fitting athletic pants or tights/leggings are never authorized as outerwear during school. Jeans may not be ripped or torn. * Wearing of sweatpants or athletic shorts on Monday-Thursday is not allowed unless otherwise approved by administration for HCA athletic team “game days” according to season. |
| OUTERWEAR - including SWEATERS, CARDIGANS,  SWEATSHIRTS & VESTS | * Lands’ End Brand Only (Preferred School #9000-9487-1) except Letterman Jacket * During school hours, only official HCA monogrammed outerwear may be worn in school buildings. * Crew Neck Cardigan, Zip Front Cardigan, Cable Sweater – Navy or Maize * Sweater Vest – Navy or Maize * Crew Neck Sweatshirt or Hooded Sweatshirt – Navy only (with small logo) * Hooded HCA jackets may **only** be worn on Friday Spirit Days or Casual Dress Days. * Long sleeve shirts (for warmth) under a short sleeve polo must be solid Navy Blue or White and tucked in. * Fleece Vest, Jacket, or Pullover – Navy only. |
| BELTS | Required for grades 1-12.: Leather or canvas, in solid color or conservative pattern. Girls, however, may wear decorative leather or canvas belts that are not a distraction. |
| FOOTWEAR | * No high heels. Secondary students ONLY may wear platforms and/or wedges no higher than 2”. * Closed toe, closed heel shoes must be worn. Athletic shoes are permitted. * All students must wear athletic shoes for PE. * Students are expected to wear socks with the appropriate footwear (athletic shoes, dress shoes, etc.) Socks may not be a distraction. |
| FRIDAY SPIRIT WEAR |  Spirit wear consists of an HCA t-shirt or HCA hoodie. Jeans and navy or gold athletic shorts (no more than 2” above the knee) are permitted. Belts are not required and shirts may remain untucked. (Khaki pants and khaki shorts are always permitted). |
| CASUAL DAY PASSES | * A casual day pass may only be used on a **Monday** unless specific permission is granted by the Principal. These allow the student to wear modest and appropriate casual clothes, in the spirit of the HCA dress code. Passes must be turned in to the teacher/principal the day they are used. * Casual Day Passes may not be used on Field Trips or Service Projects. * Clothing must be neat and fit appropriately. No wording may appear on the “seat” of the pants. Any wording on tops should be uplifting and Christian appropriate. |
| P.E./Physical Conditioning Uniforms (grades 4-9) | Navy or gold t-shirt and loose-fitting shorts (no more than 2” above the knee) with the HCA wording (navy blue sweatshirts/sweatpants with HCA wording are optional). P.E. uniforms must be purchased through Lands’ End or the Booster Club. Volleyball shorts or shorts more than 2” above the knee will not be allowed. |