

**Greater Houlton Christian Academy**  
**Dress Code for Grades 1-6**  
**2009-2010**

**Rationale for the Dress Code**

The purpose of this dress code is to ensure that students dress modestly (I Tim. 2:9), that they do not seek to draw undue attention to themselves, and to encourage a dignity appropriate for the school setting that is consistent with the mission and values of our school. This dress code is not intended to measure spirituality nor to promote legalism. Students' dress impacts our school environment every day. A well-groomed, attractive student should come to school with an attitude that prepares him for neat, conscientious work. His attire should convey respect for himself, his fellow students, and his teachers.

**BOYS**

**Pants:**

Chinos, twill pants, corduroy pants or slacks, both pleated and not pleated are acceptable.  
"dressy" cargo pants are acceptable for boys.  
all pants must be neat, sharp looking and properly fitted, i.e., not overly tight and not "saggy, baggy or draggy".  
denim material, camouflage, zip-off or carpenter style pants are not permitted.

**Shirts:**

Collared, oxford shirts, polo shirts, rugby, with 2 or 3 button closure and crew neck shirts - long or short sleeve.  
t-shirts, screen prints, and lettering on shirts are not permitted.  
shirts worn must remain tucked in throughout the school day;  
only polo shirts designed to be worn untucked (square tails or uniformed length) may be worn outside the pants.  
Collared shirts must remain buttoned.

**Turtlenecks and Sweaters:**

V-neck, round neck cardigan and pullover sweaters may be worn with an undershirt underneath.  
turtleneck shirts may be worn without a sweater or vest over top.  
light fleece vests with buttons or zippers are permitted.  
coats, jackets, and hats may not be worn during the school day.

**Footwear:**

clean dress shoes, casual shoes, or sneakers that are not worn out or grungy looking are acceptable.

**Chapel Days:**

boys are to wear regular dress shirts and ties until noon.

**Hair:**

natural color and a neat and trim appearance with no outlandish extremes for styles and cuts.  
boys hair should be off the brow line, ears, and collar.

**Jewelry:**

boys are not permitted to wear earrings, or other body piercings or large-size or thick neck chains or chokers.

**Jean Days:**

neat, proper fitting and not faded jeans may be worn with regular dress code shirt.

**Field Trips:**

students should plan to dress in standard school dress code for all field trips unless specified otherwise by the school administration and the sponsoring teacher.

**GIRLS**

**Pants:**

Chinos, twill pants, corduroy pants or slacks, both pleated and not pleated are acceptable.  
capri style pants are acceptable during warmer weather days.  
all pants must be neat, sharp looking and properly fitted, i.e., not overly tight and not "saggy, baggy or draggy".  
denim material, stretch, print, camouflage, zip-off or carpenter style are not permitted.

**Skirts/Dresses:**

skirts, jumpers and dresses must be neat and modest (not overly tight or form fitting).  
skirt length must be no more than 3 inches from the floor when kneeling.  
denim skirts and jumpers are permitted provided they are not faded or washed-out looking.  
leggings/footless tights must be upper ankle length.

**Shirts/Blouses:**

blouses and shirts are to be modest appropriately sized (not tight, midriff cannot show if hands are raised, or cannot be low cut).  
t-shirts, screen prints, and lettering on shirts are not permitted.  
undergarments including sport straps and camisoles should not be visible.

**Turtlenecks and Sweaters:**

V-neck, round neck cardigan and pullover sweaters may be worn with an undershirt or blouse underneath.  
turtleneck shirts may be worn without a sweater or vest over top.  
light fleece vests are also permitted.  
coats, jackets, and hats may not be worn during school day.

**Footwear:**

clean dress shoes, casual shoes, or sneakers that are not worn out or grungy looking are acceptable.  
no slip-on shoes, sandals or open-toes & heeled shoes are to be worn for safety reasons.

**Chapel Days:**

girls are to wear dresses or a blouse & skirt combination.

**Hair:**

natural color and a neat and trim appearance with no outlandish extremes for styles and cuts.

**Jewelry/Make-up:**

modesty and tastefulness for girls' make-up and jewelry should guide individual families in this area.  
body piercing rings for females are to be limited to the ears.

**Jean Days:**

neat, properly fitting and not faded jeans may be worn with regular dress code shirt.

**Field Trips:**

students should plan to dress in standard school dress code for all field trips unless specified otherwise by the school administration and the sponsoring teacher.

**FINAL DETERMINATION OF WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION**