

Greater Houlton Christian Academy
Dress Code for Grades 7 - 12
2009-2010

Rationale for the Dress Code

The purpose of the Academy's 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 and appearance that is consistent with the Academy's mission and values. This dress code is not intended to measure spirituality nor to promote legalism. Students' dress impacts our school environment every day. A well-groomed and neatly dressed 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.

GIRLS

PERMISSIBLE

Pants:

Dress slacks, khakis, corduroys, solid color or pinstripes.
Cropped, Capri (upper ankle length) only in September, May & June
Dress pants or slacks for Chapel (Dec-March)

Dresses/Skirts: (dresses/skirts on Chapel days)

Dresses, skirts, jumpers
Length must fall to the top of knee while standing, including slits
Modest knee length culottes, split skirts, skorts, gauchos

Shirts/Blouses:

Modest shirts/blouses with or without collars
Polo shirts, short or long sleeve
Shirts may be tucked in or out but appropriately buttoned
Sweaters, vests, turtlenecks

Shoes:

Casual shoes that are neat and clean

Accessories:

Makeup, jewelry must be in good taste.

Markings:

Pierced ears, GHCA logos.
Small pocket-size logos.

NOT ALLOWED

Pants:

Shorts, denim or jean material, slim-cut, frayed, torn and dragging hemlines
Hip-hugger, tight, low-rider, Cargo, zip-off, camouflage, fatigues, sweats
Leggings that are not mid-calf length
Parachute or silks, velvet or leather skirts, including split skirts and gauchos

Dresses/Skirts:

Sleeveless dresses, short dresses/skirts
Tight, form-fitting, immodest-fits

Shirts/Blouses:

Bare midriffs when arms are raised, bare backs, too tight or form fitting
Sleeveless, sheer, low-cut or revealing tops
Sweatshirts, hoodies, screen prints, outdoor vests, fleece, hats or coats

Shoes:

Flip-flops, beach sandals/shoes, slippers, grungy looking shoes

Accessories:

Makeup, jewelry symbolic of occult
Abnormal or extreme hair color and makeup color

Markings:

Visible tattoos, body piercing
Logos larger than pocket-size, other writing or pictures on shirts, jackets, etc.

BOYS

PERMISSIBLE

Pants:

Dress slacks, khakis, corduroys
All pants with belt loops must be belted

Shirts: (dress shirt & tie on Chapel days)

Collared dress, oxford shirts, short or long sleeved, any color.
Collared polo shirts, short or long sleeved, any color.
All shirts must be tucked in while polo shirts do not have to be tucked in.
Shirts must be appropriately buttoned .
Turtleneck shirts tucked in
Sweaters worn over collared shirts

Shoes:

Athletic and dress shoes.
Socks must be worn, shoe-laces must be tied .

Grooming:

Boy's hair should be neat, well-groomed, collar length, always out of the eyes (even when looking down), and off the ears.
Clean-shaven.

Markings:

GHCA logos, small pocket-size logos.

NOT ALLOWED

Pants:

Shorts, denim or jean material, Cargo and Carpenter style pants
Tight, low-rider, baggy pants and torn, frayed and dragging hemlines
Camouflage, printed fatigues, sweats, zip-off pants
Garments with holes, tears, loops, and pants worn below the waist

Shirts:

Sweatshirts, t-shirts, screen prints, hoodies, outdoor vests, fleece or coats

Shoes:

Sandals, flip-flops, slippers, grungy looking shoes or sneakers

Grooming:

Extreme styles that distract, facial hair, earrings, body-piercings, tattoos

Markings:

Logos larger than pocket-size, other writing or pictures on shirts, hoodies, etc.

Other:

Hats/caps and outdoor coats are not to be worn inside during the school day

The Administration will make the final decision regarding dress code compliance or any questionable clothing or style or hair issue.