

## 8.1 DRESS CODE POLICIES

Parents are responsible to support student's adherence to the dress code before their student leaves home so that school and home may work in harmony with one another. If questions exist on certain styles or types of clothing, parent and student should refer them to the principal in advance of the student wearing the item in question.

Heritage Christian Academy strives to develop godly inner qualities in its students that will then be reflected in their outward appearance. The student's dress should help create a professional learning environment and the school believes that there is a direct correlation in student dress and their behavior and attitude toward learning. Their dress should reflect such convictions as moderation, appropriateness, and neatness.

### 8.2.1 *Dress Code Objectives*

The following objectives serve as a guide when situations are encountered that are not specifically addressed.

1. The student's dress should be consistent with our statement of philosophy.
2. The student's dress should cause a favorable reflection of our Lord and Heritage Christian Academy.
3. The student's dress should adhere to **professional standards** appropriate for a learning institution.
4. The student's dress should be neat and clean.
5. The student's dress should allow attire that is practical and appropriate for the weather and activity.

### 8.2.2 *General Dress Code Guidelines*

The dress code shall apply to all students during school hours. Depending upon the nature of a field trip or activity, the dress policy will be determined by the teacher and/or principal.

If in the judgment of a staff member the attire of a student is inappropriate, the student will be sent to the office for a dress code review by the administration. If deemed "out of dress code," the student may be asked to return home to change clothes (or parents may bring a change of clothes to school) before he/she is allowed to return to class

#### 8.2.1.1 *General Guidelines*

1. Hair should be neatly styled and out of the eyes.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times.

#### 8.2.1.2 *Boys Unacceptable Apparel (Not All-inclusive list, items may be added during school year)*

1. cut-offs
2. saggy or excessively tight clothing

3. clothes worn inside out or reversed
4. visible underwear
5. sunglasses, bandanas
6. clothing with holes that show skin above the knee or on the torso
7. athletic pants that are too tight
8. shorts that are shorter than fingertip length (**no running shorts** during school)
9. slippers, pajama bottoms and onesies

8.2.1.3 Girls Unacceptable Apparel (Not All-inclusive list, items may be added during school year)

1. cut-offs
2. saggy or excessively tight clothing
3. clothes worn inside out or reversed
4. visible underwear
5. sunglasses, bandanas
6. fitted athletic pants including running tights, leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants
7. clothing with holes that show skin above the knee or on the torso
8. straps that are less than 3 inches wide (each strap, not a combination of straps)
9. low-cut, sheer shirts or dresses: crop, or halter-tops, spaghetti straps, large arm openings (no midriff or mid-lower back showing), etc.
10. dresses/skirts that are shorter than approximately 2" above the top of the kneecap
11. shorts that are shorter than fingertip length (**no running shorts** during school)
12. slippers, pajama bottoms and onesies

8.2.1.4 *Consequences for Dress Code Violations*

**First Offense:** Conference with principal/teacher, change of clothes required

**Second Offense:** Detention, change of clothes required

**Third Offense:** First Fault

**Fourth Offense:** Second Fault

**Student Name and Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_