

The dress code used by Heritage Christian School exists to reflect the school's expectations for appropriate student dress in different activities associated with the program and align with three goals:

1. Clearly define a standard by which compliance is measured and enforcement is held
2. Reinforce the truth that different articles of clothing may be appropriate for different activities/environments/ages in life.
3. Uphold an expectation of neatness and modesty

The primary responsibility for student dress lies with the parents. If there is any concern that an article of clothing is too close to *guarantee* compliance with the standard, parents should designate that clothing item for outside of school hours. "**If in doubt, don't wear it**" is the general guideline to follow. All clothing should be suitable for the gender of the person wearing it.

Boys:

- All pants/shorts should be in good repair without existing holes or tears
 - Shorts/Pants should have sewn hems
 - Shorts/Pants should be pulled up and no underwear showing
 - Shorts/Pants that develop holes or tears should be repaired before being worn to school
- Shirts should be in good repair without existing holes or tears.
 - Shirts must have sleeves.
 - Shirts should not expose the midsection when arms are raised or when bending over.
 - Writing on shirts may not be vulgar, profane, nor can they advertise illegal activities, promote tobacco or alcohol, or condone violence.
- Hats may not be worn inside the building
- Footwear must be worn at all times
- Boys may not wear jewelry through piercings

Girls:

- All pants/shorts should be in good repair without existing holes or tears
 - Pants/Shorts should have sewn hems
 - Legging or yoga pants may be worn only if the accompanying shirt or tunic completely covers the gluteus maximus. **
 - Shorts must be longer than the fingertip length when the student is standing up straight with arms hanging down at the sides with shoulders relaxed. No spandex/lycra shorts.
 - Pants/Shorts should have nothing written across the gluteus maximus.
- Shirts should be in good repair with no existing holes or tears
 - Shirts should not expose the midsection when arms are raised or when bending over
 - Shirts that are sheer or see-through must be worn with a shirt underneath that meets dress code standards.
 - Shirts should not expose bra straps or cleavage nor should shirts require constant adjusting to meet this requirement. Shoulder straps on all tops must be at least 2 inches wide. **
 - Writing on shirts may not be vulgar, profane, nor can they advertise illegal activities, promote tobacco or alcohol, or condone violence.
- Skirts (without leggings or tights) should not be shorter than 2 inches from the top of the knee cap when standing straight.
 - Skirts worn with leggings or tights underneath must be longer than fingertip length when the student is standing up straight with arms hanging down at the sides with shoulders relaxed.
- Make-up is not allowed for K-6th grade
 - 7th/8th grade girls are allowed to wear light colored eye shadow, light lipstick, and mascara. Girls should not wear eyeliner.
- Jewelry should not hinder the performance of any function required at school. Girls may have pierced ears. No other visible piercings are allowed.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Hats should not be worn in the school building.

** Casual tank tops typically available for girls do not meet the 2" shoulder strap standard. Therefore, they may be worn as a layer underneath an appropriate shirt but not alone.

** Leggings and yoga pants are defined as those that are form fitting throughout (from waist to calf or ankle). These pants are generally made from a blend of cotton, lycra, spandex, nylon, polyester, wool, or a similarly light and stretchy synthetic material giving the pants a very smooth, tight fitting appearance.

Athletic Wear for PE/Athletic Practices (5th-8th grade):

Due to the physical activities associated with P.E. and athletic practices, appropriate dress is defined differently. Please note that what is appropriate for P.E. and athletic practice is not appropriate for the classroom.

Boys:

- T-shirt with sleeves
- Shorts/Sweat Pants
 - Shorts must be loose fitting and long enough that undergarments are not exposed during p.e./athletic activities.
 - Sweat pants must be loose fitting
 - Athletic tights/spandex/lycra may only be worn if loose-fitting shorts are worn over them
- Tennis shoes

Girls:

- T-shirt with sleeves
- Shorts/Sweat Pants
 - Shorts must be loose fitting and either have an attached undergarment or be long enough so that underwear is not exposed during physical education/athletic activities
 - Sweat pants must be loose fitting
 - Athletic tights/leggings/yoga pants may only be worn if (1) loose fitting shorts are worn over them or (2) their t-shirt completely covers their bottom.
- Tennis shoes