Dress Code

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

1. Uphold the expectation that everything we do should be done *Coram Deo* (before the face of God);
2. Define a standard and expectation for orderliness and neatness in our dress – because God cares about every aspect of our lives, including what we wear;
3. Clearly define a standard by which compliance is measured and enforced; and
4. Reinforce the truth that different articles of clothing may be appropriate for different activities/environments/ages in life.

The primary responsibility for student dress lies with parents. If there is any concern that an article of clothing is too close to meet the standard, parents should designate that clothing item for outside of school hours. **"*If in doubt, don't wear it*"** and "If it should be covered, keep it covered." are the general guidelines to follow. All clothing should be suitable for the sex of the student 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 worn so no underwear is showing
    - Shorts may be worn as long as the length of the shorts have a modest inseam. Bike/compression shorts (spandex/lycra) and short running shorts are not permitted.
    - Pants/Shorts should have nothing written across the rear.
- Shirts should be in good repair without existing holes or tears.
    - Shirts must have sleeves. No tank tops or muscle shirts.
    - 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, condone violence, or promote lifestyles in contrast to Heritage's Statement of Faith.
- Hats, the hoods of hoodies, and sunglasses 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
    - Shorts/Pants should be worn so no underwear is showing
    - Shorts may be worn as long as the length of the shorts have a modest inseam. No bike/compression (spandex/lycra) shorts or short running shorts.
    - Pants/Shorts should have nothing written across the rear.
- 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.
    - Shoulder straps on shirts must be 2 inches wide.

    - Writing on shirts may not be vulgar, profane, nor can it advertise illegal activities, promote tobacco or alcohol, condone violence, or promote lifestyles in contrast to Heritage's Statement of Faith.
- Skirts should not be shorter than 3 inches from the top of the knee cap when standing straight.
- Make-up is not allowed for K-5th grade
    - 6th - 8th grade girls are allowed to wear light makeup.
- 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, the hoods of hoodies, and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building

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:

- Shirts
    - Shirts should not expose the midsection when arms are raised or when bending over.
    - Shoulder straps on shirts must be 2 inches wide.
- Shorts/Sweat Pants
    - Shorts must be loose fitting and long enough that undergarments are not exposed during P.E./athletic activities.
    - Sweat pants must fit appropriately – not too loose or too tight.
- Tennis shoes

Girls:

- Shirts
    - Shirts should not expose the midsection when arms are raised or when bending over.
    - Shoulder straps on shirts must be 2 inches wide.
- 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 fit appropriately – not too loose or too tight.
- Tennis shoes

Concert Dress (Heritage Singers/Band Students/8th grade graduation):

Students should dress up more than they would for a normal day of school or activity in an effort to create a professional mood for the concert. Students' concert dress should also align with the school's dress code guidelines listed in the previous section.

Dress Code Enforcement:

For students in PK-3rd grade, teachers will communicate directly with parents when students come to school in non-school attire. These students will not be required to change clothing unless the non-compliance is repetitive.

Students in 4th-8th grade students who come to school in non-school attire will be addressed in the following ways:

1. The student will be required to change the article of clothing that does not comply with the school dress code expectations.
    - A change of clothes will be provided by the school for the remainder of the day, or until parents bring an appropriate change of clothes. Upon changing clothes, the student will return to class.
    - The students should change back into their own clothes at dismissal and return the school's clothing to the office.

2. If the violation is in relation to wearing make-up, the student will be required to wash off excess make-up and return to class.