



HAMETOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

The purpose of Hametown Christian Academy is to provide an excellent education that esteems God and His perspectives as right in all matters of life. As a Christian Academy, it is our desire that our students follow Biblical guidelines at all times. With this in mind, the following appearance guidelines are required **AT ALL TIMES** while students are at school.

APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

- **Pleasing to the Lord.** *Good and acceptable in His eyes.* Colossians 3:23
- **Becomes the Gospel of Christ.** *Your general manner and behavior.* Philippians 1:27
- **Modest.** *Clothing should be loose-fitting, and non-figure revealing.* I Timothy 2:9
- **Moderate.** *Not excessive, extreme, or extravagant.* Philippians 4:5
- Clothing should be clean, pressed if needed, and in good condition (i.e. no holes or tears).
- **No large logos, prints, or transfers.** No logos across the buttocks.
- **Clothing or shoes in fluorescents, very bright colors and bright patterns are not permitted.**
- All student hair styles and female makeup should be conservative and non-attention drawing.

APPEARANCE GUIDELINE DEFINITIONS

- **Standard:** That which is established as a rule or model, by the opinion, custom or general consent, of the school administration.
- **Conservative:** Holding to traditional Biblical-based values, behaviors and attitudes.

GENERAL DRESS GIRLS

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Blouses: Only polo shirts, blouses, buttoned down shirts with collars and dressy crew-neck or v-neck shirts are permitted. **No casual T-shirts or flannels.** The neckline must come within a two-finger width of the collarbone.

Skirts Only solid colored, print, striped, or plaid skirts, jumpers, maxi skirts or dresses are permitted. Hems and slits must reach the middle of the knee when standing. The younger girls must wear shorts under their skirts to play on the playground equipment.

Hosiery: Solid, standard color socks or hose are required.

Sweaters: Only sweaters, fleeces, garments with v-necks, crew necks, or shirts without collars are permitted but must have a blouse with a collar underneath. If worn alone, sweaters must fall well-below the waistline where no skin or undergarments can be seen in all movements. *Sweatshirts and hoodies*

are not permitted except for dress down days.

Shoes: Only conservative dress shoes and boots that are feminine looking, including standard color, low-top tennis shoes may be worn. High-top tennis shoes, hiking boots, slippers, sandals, flip flops, crocs, light-up shoes and jelly shoes are not permitted. Heel height cannot exceed 2 ½ “.

Makeup: Makeup should be applied in a conservative manner.

Hair: Hair should be the original hair color. Minor highlights are permitted. Hair should be styled in a conservative, feminine manner and combed away from the eyes. No extreme hairstyles, bleached, unnatural-colored, or streaked hair is permitted. Hair is not to be shaven in areas.
“If a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her. . .” 1 Corinthians 11:15.

Accessories: Only conservative necklaces, earrings, and finger rings are permitted. Only one necklace may be worn. Only one set of earrings no larger than a quarter in any direction are allowed. One ring per hand. No body-piercing, body jewelry, gauges, bandanas or tattoos are permitted.

Outerwear: All coats and jackets are permitted, but must be removed upon entering the classrooms, opening, or Bible studies.

GENERAL DRESS BOYS

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Shirts: Only polo shirts or buttoned down shirts with collars are permitted. No flannels. All shirts must stay completely tucked in. Solid colored undershirts, with no writing, are permitted but may not extend beyond the outer garment.

Pants: Only solid colored dress pants, Khaki pants, corduroy pants and denim slacks, (i.e., Tough skins), are permitted. No blue-denim jeans, faded pants, parachute pants, or cargo pants are allowed. Belts must be worn on pants with loops.

Socks: Only solid, standard colored socks that cover the ankle.

Sweaters: Sweaters or fleeces may be solid colored or patterned and may be worn in the classroom during colder days. No large prints are allowed. Sweatshirts, hoodies, and flannel shirts are not permitted. An undershirt without a collar is permitted.

Shoes: Only conservative dress shoes and dress boots including standard color, low-top tennis shoes may be worn. High-top tennis shoes, hiking boots, work boots, slippers, sandals, flip flops, crocs, light-up shoes and jelly shoes are not permitted.

Hair: Standard, conservative tapered cuts which keep the hair off the collar and ears are required. Hair should be combed away from the eyes and sideburns should be no longer than the ear opening. No extreme hairstyles, dying or "tails" are permitted. Boys must be clean-shaven. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" 1 Corinthians. 11:14.

Accessories: Necklaces, chains, gaudy rings, bracelets, earrings, body piercing, and tattoos, are not permitted.

Outerwear: All coats and jackets are permitted, but must be removed upon entering the classrooms, opening, or Bible studies.

DRESS-UP DAYS

Only Tuesday (Chapel Day) and Announced Days

Girls: Girls must wear an appropriate dress or button down blouse and skirt. All General Dress guidelines apply.

Boys: Boys must wear a button down shirt and tie. Clip-on ties are acceptable, but no string ties, bow ties or large graphics on ties are permitted. All General Dress guidelines apply.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

Only Fridays (If student has a Dress Down Pass) and Announced Days

Everyone: Students may wear blue jeans or shorts that are within one inch of the knee. No tank tops, sleeveless or scoop neck shirts are permitted. The two - finger rule applies to all tops. General Dress guidelines in the areas of make-up, hair, accessories and jewelry still apply. Hats, flip flops, sweat pants and pajama pants are *NOT* permitted. No extremes in clothing or inappropriate subject matter will be accepted. The principal is the final judge in all these matters.

SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Every Friday and Announced Days

Everyone: This is a day to wear your HCA Spirit Wear clothing! A Spirit Wear top is required. A Spirit Wear bottom is encouraged, however, blue jeans are permitted in the absence of a Spirit Wear bottom. General Dress guidelines in the areas of hair, accessories, makeup, and jewelry still apply.

HCA Spirit Wear may be purchased online at www.hametownchristianacademy.org

APPEARANCE VIOLATIONS

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please help us to reinforce our policies by checking your children before they leave the house. This will help to avoid the consequences below as well as any unnecessary trips to the school to pick up your children.

- *Any Appearance Guideline* violations must be immediately corrected. If this is not possible, the student will be sent home.
- *Any Appearance Guideline* violation that occurs during the week will result in a demerit and a loss of the privilege of wearing Spirit Wear or the use a dress down pass on the coming Friday. The student will be required to wear the General Dress Code attire on the coming Friday.
- *Any Appearance Guideline* violation involving hair must immediately be addressed to avoid suspension. Parents of the individual will be contacted and reasonable arrangements will be made to correct the infraction.

Our final goal of the *Appearance Guidelines* is to teach “submission to authority” which Scripture emphasizes. This will help students to function successfully under an employer. We hope that you will support all of our guidelines by requiring your student to be in proper school attire at all times.