



SCHOOL DRESS AND APPEARANCE POLICY

At Christian Heritage, we believe that a person's appearance has a measurable impact on the quality of the overall learning environment of the school. More importantly, we believe that a person's appearance should honor God and reflect His character and attributes to others. Thus, anyone who comes onto our campus regularly (including faculty, staff, and parent volunteers) must dress in a way that is neat, modest, and appropriate for a school environment.

For students, this translates into a standardized style of dress and appearance. Acknowledging that appearance affects the attitudes of students and the overall educational atmosphere of the campus, Christian Heritage Classical School maintains a dress code policy which promotes a neat, modest, ready-to-learn appearance and helps make students aware of their responsibility to honor God both in the way they present themselves and in their submission to the authorities He has placed over them at home and at school.

We believe the standardized dress code will benefit students and families for the following reasons:

- instills school spirit and belonging while allowing enough choice to allow individual expression.
- saves parents time and money because the permitted clothing can be easily located. In addition, time is saved each morning, and the day starts much more smoothly when the child does not agonize over the "what to wear" issue.
- de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic matters.
- ensures that the students' appearance will be appropriate at all times.

Students must be in dress code when they arrive on campus and remain in such until they leave school for the day. **The primary responsibility for ensuring that a student's attire meets the dress code policy resides with the student and his/her parents.** If there is ever any question as to whether an article of clothing fits the stated guidelines, it is best not to wear that article of clothing.

The administration reserves the right to determine if a particular item of clothing meets the intent of the policy.

Please visit the Christian Heritage website Parent's Tab under Resources for a quick link to Backstage Graphics and Lands' End websites. Our member number for Lands' End is 900048828.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE MODESTY GUIDELINES

By *modest*, we mean that students while at school dress in such a way that is appropriate for the situation. In this case, the situation is an educational environment with mixed ages and mixed genders. With this in mind, we ask that the following guidelines are followed on regular school days, on fun dress-up days, in PE classes, during House Games, during debates and presentations, etc.

- Clothing should be clean, neat, and in good repair—no holes, tears, or distress marks.
- Shirts should be of a fit that does not reveal undergarments; tight-fitting tops are not permitted.
- Necklines should not be lower than four fingers below the collarbone.
- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops are permitted.
- Jeans, pants, shorts, and skirts should not be tight and should be of modest fit and rise; leggings & jeggings are not an option for pants.
- Hemlines of shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and dresses should be no more than 3” (a little more than the width of a dollar bill) above the top of the kneecap. It is a good idea for girls to wear compression shorts underneath these items.
- Hair must be of a style and color that is not distracting.
- Male students must wear their hair above the top of the collar, above the eyebrows, and above the bottom of the ear.
- Male students must be clean-shaven.
- Earrings allowed by females only; no other visible piercings allowed.
- Visible tattoos are prohibited.
- Students may not wear any type of head covering during school hours (unless they are participating in a fun dress day).

REGULAR SCHOOL-DAY OPTIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, parents may purchase items from the retail establishment of their choice.

Tops

- **Monogrammed polos** in navy, gray, or white from Backstage Graphics or Lands' End (school code: 900048828); **all students must have at least one navy monogrammed polo**
- **Various dress shirts** from Lands' End
- Above tops are to be tucked in at all times (grades 2 through 12 only)
- On Fridays: any **Christian Heritage sponsored t-shirt** (does not need to be tucked in)

Bottoms for Boys

- **Pants or shorts** in khaki, navy, or gray; **all boys must have one pair of khaki pants (or shorts in the grammar school)**
 - for examples of styles, see the Lands' End website
 - material: cotton, cotton-blend, cotton twill
 - no cargo shorts or elastic ankles
 - must have belt loops and belts must be worn (grades 2 through 12 only)
- **Blue jeans—pants or shorts** (Friday's only for K4-7th; everyday option for 8th-12th)
 - no rips, distress marks, or excessive fading
 - must have belt loops and belts must be worn (grades 2 through 12 only)

Bottoms for Girls

- **Pants, shorts, or capris** in khaki, gray, or navy; **all girls must have one pair of khaki pants (or shorts in the grammar school)**
 - for examples of styles, see the Lands' End website
 - material: cotton, cotton-blend, cotton twill
 - leggings and jeggings are not a pants option
 - must have belt loops and belts must be worn (grades 2 through 12 only)
- **Blue jeans—pants or capris** (Friday's only for K4-7th; everyday option for 8th-12th)
 - no rips, distress marks, or excessive fading
 - jeggings are not a pants option
 - must have belt loops and belts must be worn (grades 2 through 12 only)
- **Skorts, skirts, jumpers, or dresses** (see Lands' End for styles)
 - various Christian Heritage selections in khaki, gray, navy, or **white plaid*
 - belts must be worn if the item has belt loops (grades 2 through 12 only)

** white plaid may only be purchased at Lands' End*

Shoes

- must be closed-toe
- boots must be brown or black
- no light-up shoes or other types of distracting shoes are allowed
- tennis shoes are recommended for PE classes

Outerwear

- any school-approved sweater, hoody, vest, sweatshirt, jacket, or blazer from Backstage Graphics, Lands' End, or Christian Heritage

Accessories

- Belts must be solid brown, black, navy, or **white plaid*
- Visible socks must be solid brown, black, navy, gray, or white; with long pants, any socks are allowed
- Stockings and tights for girls must be solid navy, gray, or white