

## DRESS CODE

Students are expected to look neat and well groomed at all times. All items of clothing should be clean and in good repair without tears or holes. The dress code is in effect throughout the day and when students are representing the school. Parents are expected to take an active role in helping their children conform to the dress code. The following items from the Hawk's Nest with the School logo are considered dress code. These navy blue items include: long-sleeved polo shirts, fleece jackets and vests, ¼ zip fleece pullovers, ¼ zip sweatshirts and crew sweatshirts. In addition, Land's End has appropriate dress code clothes for boys and girls. The Middle School Director is the final authority on all matters of "appropriateness" as it pertains to the dress code.

- Hair for both boys and girls must be maintained in a conservative style, length and color. Hair for boys must be worn above the collar and above the eyes. Boys may not wear beads in their hair.
- Jewelry for boys and girls must be conservative and appropriate for the school setting. Earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings or any other facial rings are not permitted for boys. Earrings are permitted for girls. Nose rings, eyebrow rings or any other facial rings are not permitted for girls.

### Girls

- Skirts without slits, skorts, jumpers, or slacks, without oversized outside pockets, in navy or khaki are permitted. Slacks with belt loops must be worn with a belt. Belts must be canvas or leather. Length of skirts, jumpers, and skorts must be no higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee and no longer than mid-calf. These may be made of cotton, cotton blend fabrics or corduroy.  
**Not Permitted:** Denim fabric, any stretch fabric, satin or other shiny fabrics. Skin tight pants and pants that ride on the hips (low riders).
- Long sleeved button-down shirts, tailored and collared blouses in light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. Shirts and blouses must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics. Solid colored sweaters white, blue, and yellow are permitted for grades 5 and 6. Solid colored sweaters of any color are permitted for grades 7 and 8. Highland School sweatshirts (no Hoodies) are also permitted. Sweaters/sweatshirts must cover the belt. Tails on shirts/blouses must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.  
**Not permitted:** Satin or other shiny fabrics, denim, T-shirts, and sleeveless shirts and blouses. Shirts/blouses may not be skin tight.
- Socks or tights must be worn at all times.
- Black, brown or navy blue **solid color** leather shoes such as flats, loafers, or oxfords are permitted. Shoes must be worn at all times.

**Not permitted:** Heelys, sneakers, boots, sandals and clogs, shoes with stripes, plaid, mesh, fur liners, or any multi-colored design.

## Boys

- Dress-type pants in cotton, cotton blend, and corduroy fabrics in navy or khaki are permitted. Pants must have belt loops and must be worn with a belt. Belts must be canvas or leather. Pants must be sized to fit.

**Not Permitted:** Pants that ride on the hips (low riders), pants with oversized outside pockets (cargo style pockets) and denim fabric.

- Oxford long sleeve dress shirts in light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. Shirts must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics. Solid colored sweaters white, blue, and yellow are permitted for grades 5 and 6. Solid colored sweaters of any color are permitted for grades 7 and 8. Highland School sweatshirts (no Hoodies) are also permitted. Sweaters/sweatshirts must cover the belt. Tails on shirts must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

**Not Permitted:** Satin, shiny fabrics, and denim.

- Neckties are required during winter dress code from November 1 through April 1. Students can wear a long sleeve polo shirt in dress code colors with the Highland crest in place of the button down shirt and tie.
- Socks must be worn.
- Black or brown **solid color** leather shoes such as loafers or oxfords are permitted. Shoes must be worn and tied at all times.

**Not Permitted:** Heelys, sneakers, boots, sandals and clogs, shoes with stripes, mesh, plaid, fur liners, or any multi-colored design.

## Athletic Team Wear

- On home game days, members of a Highland School athletic team may wear their jerseys over a plain white or blue t-shirt. Students must wear dress code pants/shorts or skirts and shoes.
- Team sports jackets/warm ups (no hoodies) may be worn over dress code clothes on game/match days only.
- Students must wear standard Highland shorts and shirts issued by the athletic department. Articles should be clearly labeled with the student's name. The first set will be distributed in Physical Education class at the beginning of the year and will be billed to the parent/guardian by the Business Office. Additional clothing may be purchased from the School store, "The Hawk's Nest." The school sports uniform must be in good shape without rips or excessive staining. Students also must wear suitable sports gear (e.g., shin guards, mouth guards and cleats) as appropriate. Students in grades 5 – 6 must use the Highland Sports Bag issued by the athletic department.

## Summer Dress Code

- During the months of September, October, April, May and June, Bermuda-length shorts (Bermuda length is 3 inches above the knee to the middle of the knee) in dress-code colors may be substituted for slacks, pants and skirts/skorts.
- Highland School polo shirts or a two or three-button polo shirt in dress code colors for grades 5-7 may be substituted for button-down shirts. **All shirts must be tucked in at all times.**
- Grade 8 students may wear Highland School polo shirts or a two or three-button polo shirt in any solid color. **All shirts must be tucked in at all times.**

## Dress Down Days

- Students may wear clothing of their choice on dress down days. However, they may not wear flip flops, ripped or frayed clothes, PJ bottoms, sweatpants, tank tops, overly revealing attire (anything that shows a bare midriff when arms are lifted above the head, cleavage, or shorts or pants worn low to reveal underwear), shirts with inappropriate language, advertising for alcohol, or tobacco products. **Length of shorts must meet dress code requirements**, shoe heel height may be no more than 2 inches, and caps/hats or winter jackets may not be worn in the building.