

**Middle School Dress Code**  
**Grades 5 – 8**  
**2009 - 2010**

**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. In addition to local stores, Land's End has appropriate dress code clothes for boys and girls.

Sports jackets/warm ups (no hoodies) may be worn **over** dress code clothes on game/match days only. Winter jackets, hats and/or caps may not be worn indoors.

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.

**Tails on shirts/blouses and turtlenecks/mock turtlenecks must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.**

Items with the School logo, purchased at the Hawk's Nest or from the Highland online store, are considered dress code. These items include: long-sleeved polo shirts, fleece jackets and vests, ¼ zip fleece pullovers, ¼ zip sweatshirts and crew sweatshirts.

**The Middle School Director is the final authority on all matters of “appropriateness” as it pertains to the dress code.**

**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. Skin tight pants and pants that ride on the hips (low riders) may not be worn. 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. Denim fabric, any stretch fabric, satin or other shiny fabrics are not permitted.

Button-down shirts, tailored and collared blouses, turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks in light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. If a turtleneck/mock turtleneck is worn, a dress code sweater or Highland sweatshirt must also be worn. Shirts and blouses must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics. Satin or other shiny fabrics, denim, T-shirts, and sleeveless shirts and blouses are not permitted. Shirts/blouses may not be skin tight.

Solid colored sweaters in white, blue or yellow are permitted. Highland School sweatshirts (no hoodies) are also permitted. Sweaters/sweatshirts must cover the belt.

Socks or tights or flesh tone hose must be worn at all times.

Black, brown or navy blue leather shoes such as flats, loafers, or oxfords are permitted. Heels may not be higher than two (2) inches. Heelys, sneakers, boots, sandals and clogs are not permitted.

## **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. Pants that ride on the hips (low riders) may not be worn. Pants with oversized outside pockets (cargo style pockets) and denim fabric are not permitted.

Oxford dress shirts and turtlenecks/mock turtlenecks in light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. If a turtleneck/mock turtleneck is worn, a dress code sweater or Highland sweatshirt must also be worn. Shirts must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics. Satin or other shiny fabrics and denim are not permitted.

Solid colored sweaters in white, blue or yellow are permitted. Highland School sweatshirts (no hoodies) are also permitted. Sweaters/sweatshirts must cover the belt.

Neckties are required from November 1 through April 1. Neckties are not required when turtlenecks/mock turtlenecks are worn. Boys must wear a sweatshirt or sweater over a turtleneck/mock turtleneck.

Socks must be worn.

Black, blue or brown leather shoes such as loafers or oxfords are permitted. Heelys, sneakers, boots, clogs and sandals are not permitted.

### **Dress Down Days**

Students may wear clothing of their choice on dress down days. However, they may not wear sweatpants, PJ bottoms, tank tops, overly revealing attire, or shirts with inappropriate language, advertising for alcohol, or tobacco products. Length of shorts must meet dress code requirements and caps/hats may not be worn in the building.

### **Athletic Team Wear**

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 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.

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.

### **Summer Dress Code**

During the months of September, October, April, May and June, Bermuda-length shorts in dress-code colors may be substituted for slacks, pants and skirts/shorts. Highland School polo shirts or a two or three-button polo shirt in dress code colors may be substituted for button-down shirts. **All shirts must be tucked in at all times.** Denim, stretch knit, satin or other shiny fabrics are not permitted.