

Highland School Home of the Hawks

2008-2009 UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Clothing reflects the culture of the school. A dress code reminds students that school is a serious working environment. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a way that reflects traditional standards of **neatness, moderation, modesty, and appropriateness for school**. Clothing may reflect individual taste, but it is inappropriate to wear clothing to school that was designed for either a more casual or a more formal environment. Overly casual or revealing clothing not only distracts from academics, but is inconsiderate of other people's sensibilities and attitudes. The dress code is in effect from the time students walk through the doors of the school in the morning until the end of the academic day, even if students are out-of-doors. We expect your cooperation concerning this important matter. If you are in doubt as to whether a particular garment is acceptable or not, follow the guidelines below and **ask before you wear it**. **Extremes** in fashion, hairstyle or hair color are unacceptable. Final judgment will be up to the Dean of Students and the Upper School Director.

SHIRTS

Men: Collared polo/golf shirts and button-down oxfords. Shirts are to be firmly **tucked in** at the waist and buttoned to the second button.

Women: Polo/golf shirts, oxford shirts, or jackets with collars must be worn at all times. Sleeveless shirts and blouses are not allowed.

Collared Highland athletic shirts, Highland wind jackets, and Highland sweatshirts without hoods are approved attire.

Girls must always wear a collar. The only exception to this rule applies to dresses on dress up day.

SLACKS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

Men: Tailored slacks of conservative fit worn at the waist, not at the hips. Slacks must have belt loops and must be worn with a belt.

Women: Tailored slacks of conservative fit worn at the waist, not at the hips. Slacks with belt loops must be worn with a belt. Tailored **knee-length or below knee-length** skirts must be worn at the waist, not at the hips. Dresses must have sleeves and collars, **knee-length or below knee** length. Girls' abdomens must not be exposed.

SHORTS (September until Homecoming; April 15- The End of the School Year): Tailored, knee-length, Bermuda-style shorts or capris. Shorts and capris with belt loops must be worn with a belt.

SHOES

Shoes must be well structured with either full covering in the front or supportive straps in the back. No **Ugg or fur lined boots**, athletic shoes, slippers, flip flops, thong style sandals or sneakers of **any kind**.

SWEATERS, HIGHLAND WIND JACKETS or SWEATSHIRTS (NO HOODIES) must be worn over a **collared** dress code shirt.

HAIR: Hair should be neatly groomed, and longer hair should be combed away from the face or worn in a ponytail.

FACE: Must be clean-shaven.

HERE'S A SHORT LIST OF WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED

Hats, caps or bandannas in the building

Pajamas, slippers, or clothes resembling underwear

Visible body piercing other than ears

Tank tops or t-shirts

Sheer fabrics

Jeans or jean-like pants

Cargo or carpenter-style pants

Pants made to be zipped apart

Pants with a drawstring or elastic waist

Midriff tops, bare midriff or midriff visible when arms are lifted above the head

Cleavage, bare shoulders

Outerwear worn in building

Ugg or fur lined boots, athletic shoes, slippers, flip flops, thong style sandals or sneakers of **any kind**.

Dress Down Days

Men and women: All general prohibitions apply. The following exceptions are allowed: Denim, athletic shoes, knee-length shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, flip flops, and casual sandals.

Dress Down Day Dress Code applies to Exam Period Dress.

Dress-Up Days

On dress-up days and other special occasions students are asked to dress in more formal attire.

Men: Shirts with a tie and dress pants with a sport jacket or blazer and dress shoes with socks. Jackets must be worn all day.

Women: Dresses, dress code shirts with skirts, dress slacks with blazer, or suits in a formal style and dress shoes.

Disciplinary Action

Students will be subject to disciplinary action for not adhering to the dress code.

The first time a student is out of dress code, parents will be notified.

The second time a student is out of dress code, he/she will lose lunch privileges.

The third time a student is out of dress code, he/she will receive a detention.