

## **DRESS CODE 2006-2007 (GRADES 7-12)**

Among the lessons a student needs to learn while in school are those skills and graces needed to act responsibly and successfully in an adult society. Therefore, Harding Academy has established a code of dress and appearance conducive to a serious scholastic and values-oriented environment.

While it is impossible to list all inappropriate attire, the following guidelines are offered in an effort to describe the general expectations of the school. The school reserves the responsibility to correct inappropriate attire whether or not it is specifically addressed in the written dress code.

The dress code is in effect for all students from the time the student enters the building until the student leaves for the day. Students who must remain at school or who return to school after school hours are to remain in dress code.

### **General Dress Code Principles**

- All clothing should be appropriate for an academic and a Christian atmosphere.
- Clothing should always be modest and give a neat appearance.
- Anything that calls undue attention is not permitted.
- All clothing should be clean and in good condition. Faded, ragged, frayed, stretched, cut, or torn clothing is not permitted.
- All pants must fit from the waist. Extremely tight pants or extremely loose pants that sag at the hips are not permitted. Clothing in general that is too large is not permitted.

<h3><b>Recommended Attire for All Students (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)</b></h3>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Khaki pants</li><li>• Collared, polo-style shirts</li></ul> |
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### **Specifics for Female Students**

#### **Acceptable**

- Dresses and skirts of a modest length whether the girl is sitting, standing, or bending
- Tee shirts (tucked in) in solid colors or with pocket-size writing
- Other tops with high necklines
- Sweaters and Harding Academy sweatshirts or tee shirts

#### **Unacceptable**

- Garments that are bare at the top or that are see-through
- Garments that reveal cleavage
- Garments that are form fitting
- Pants shorter than midcalf
- Camisoles, tank tops, shrugs, or other garments that accentuate the bustline
- Multiple untucked garments
- Two tops worn together, unless each garment could be worn alone

### **Specifics for Male Students**

#### **Acceptable**

- Hair no longer than the eyebrows, top of the collar, or middle of the ear (applies to braids, as well)
- Socks every day
- All shirts tucked in
- Sweaters and Harding Academy sweatshirts or tee shirts

#### **Unacceptable**

- Facial hair or long sideburns
- Earrings

### **Not Permitted for Any Students**

- white underwear shirts
- spandex
- caps or hats worn indoors
- gang, motorcycle, hunting, Gothic, or military clothing or patches
- shorts
- clothing that exposes underwear
- sweat suits, warm-up suits
- visible tattoos, real or fake
- body piercing, other than girls' ears (maximum of two earrings per ear)
- overalls
- unnatural hair coloring
- writing or drawing on skin or clothing
- clothing with words or artwork larger than a pocket

## **Dress-up Day (Wednesday)**

### ***Boys***

#### **Required**

- Dress shirts, dress pants, ties, belts, socks, and dress shoes

#### **Unacceptable**

- Jeans, denim pants, or other casual pants.
- Shoes that give the appearance of athletic shoes
- Hooded sweatshirts

### ***Girls***

#### **Required**

- Jumpers, skirts with blouses, or dresses

#### **Unacceptable**

- Casual attire
- Denim skirts
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Shoes that give the appearance of athletic shoes

## **Dress at Extracurricular Events**

- For any school-related event, on or off campus, Harding students' clothing must conform to the five General Dress Code Guidelines.
- Some clothing not permitted during the school day might be acceptable for extracurricular events. For example, shirts with Christian slogans are acceptable for ball games.
- After athletic practice, a student who comes back through the building, who waits out front for a ride, or who goes directly to another game must change back into street clothes or put on warm-ups over practice clothes.
- Dresses chosen for banquets, Homecoming court, King and Queen of Hearts court, and other dress-up occasions must be modest. These dresses must not be so short, so low cut, or so bare that the wearer cannot favorably represent Harding Academy at the event. Specific guidelines for each special occasion will be issued.