

UNIFORM POLICY

The wearing of uniforms at HCA accomplishes a number of valuable objectives. Uniforms instill in students a sense of belonging and loyalty to the school community. Student behavior and productivity are generally improved when students wear uniforms. Wearing a prescribed uniform helps de-emphasize fashion consciousness and diminishes tendencies to form socioeconomic cliques. Most families find that purchasing uniforms costs less than buying the typical student wardrobe and uniforms help reduce family conflicts over what to buy and what to wear. Uniforms serve a practical purpose of safety since students are easily identifiable on field trips and persons not in uniform are easily spotted on our campus. **Finally, uniforms look nice and help create a positive impression of our students and our school within the community.**

The HCA uniform must be worn appropriately, with shirttails in, sleeves and collars buttoned, etc. The uniform should be clean and neat at the beginning of each day. Uniforms must fit properly and be modest in appearance. The consequences for wearing the incorrect uniform or for wearing a uniform inappropriately will be considered as a **disciplinary action**.

HCA's approved Uniform suppliers are Land's End School, Inc. and Read's Uniforms in Hickory. Land's End Uniforms may be purchased preferably through the catalog or on line using our preferred school #9000-6150-8. Uniforms may be purchased at some Sears stores that have contracts with Land's End School, the uniform division. The closest stores are in Asheville and Winston Salem. Use the Land's End link on the HCA website for easy ordering online. Read's Uniforms is located on Hwy. 127 and several informal uniform items are located there.

Please keep the following information in mind when purchasing uniforms and when making daily uniform choices:

- To honor God and uphold the way He created boys and girls differently, uniforms will be distinctly feminine for girls and distinctly masculine for boys.
- Girls may purchase the feminine cut polo shirts called fit-for-her in proper colors specified in age appropriate categories. **Remember when ordering** – Tight-fitting clothing is not allowed. Shirts should not reveal midriff skin even when bending or raising arms.
- Because of differences in quality, color, and material all uniform items must be purchased through HCA's approved suppliers except belts, socks, shoes, and tights.
- Belts are required for boys and girls 1st grade and up. A brown or black leather looking belt must be worn with uniform. No ornaments for boys or girls on belts.
- No Cargo or Carpenter style pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts are allowed.
- P.E. uniforms are required for all children 3rd grade and up and must be purchased through HCA with HCA official Logo. Appropriate athletic shoes must be worn to PE.
- Students may be asked to remove accessories that are distracting or inappropriate at the Administrator or teacher's request.
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- All skirts and skorts must touch the knee, as defined by the crease in the back of the knee. It is unacceptable for skirts or skorts to be rolled up in order to shorten the length. School employees will make the decision on whether skirt lengths fall within policy.
- Students may wear any uniform choice in any combination of top with any bottom daily with the exception of formal day (i.e. shorts may be worn in winter or turtle necks in summer).
- Undershirts may be worn and must be solid white, gray or match color of top and be tucked in. No lace or emblems. Sleeves cannot show beneath shirt.
- **Boots, slides, clogs, sandals, flip-flops, high-tops or slippers (including bedroom looking moccasins) are not allowed for boys or girls.**

Accessories and Hair Coloring:

1. All jewelry must be worn modestly. Earrings and bracelets should not be distracting. Boys may not wear earrings. Students may be asked to remove jewelry at the Administration's request.
2. Hair colorings must be modest and natural in appearance.
3. No head coverings may be worn at school (i.e. - bandanas, hats, kerchiefs, etc.) Hats may be worn at specific functions as directed by the school.
4. No visible tattoos (temporary or permanent) are allowed.
5. Hair styles must not be hanging down in the eyes for girls or boys. Boys hair should be above the eyebrows, cover no more than half the ear, and off the collar.
6. Boys participating in athletics must keep their hair cut according to conference rules and guidelines.

Monthly "Dress Down" Friday:

(September-May)

One Friday each month (as assigned by the administration) will be designated as "Dress Down Friday". On these days, students may wear blue jeans (or any uniform bottoms) and PE uniform shirt (or sweatshirt) choices, HCA Spirit wear purchased through HCA or any optional uniform shirt. Belts are optional. The jeans must fit properly (no baggies, no holes, no skinny jeans, no jeggings, no appliques, no embellishments, no dazzles, not too tight). Shirts must be tucked into the jeans and normal uniform tennis shoes must be worn. Should a student choose not to participate in the "Dress Down" Friday, he must wear his normal uniform on that day. Any student who chooses not to abide by the stated guidelines for "Dress Down" days may be prohibited from participating in future days as deemed appropriate by the administration. These days are meant to be a fun alternative for the students and we expect everyone to respect those intentions by abiding by the guidelines.

REQUIRED FORMAL UNIFORM: (To be worn on chapel days)

All Students PS-12th are required to wear formal uniforms appropriate on announced Chapel days. If Chapel is not scheduled, any uniform choice is appropriate.

Grammar Girls' (Preschool – 5th grade) Uniforms

HCA desires to keep a high standard to honor the Lord in all we do, including uniforms. Uniforms allow students to have fewer distractions in class. When purchasing uniforms, please use approved carrier.

Girls' Informal Uniforms: Must be purchased from the Land's End School Uniform Website, Read's Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Any combination of the following items may be worn year-round except for designated Chapel days. Informal uniforms may be worn on days when Chapel is not scheduled.

- Red, White or Navy blue polo: long or short sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's Uniforms)
- Red, White or Navy blue Turtle Neck or Mock Turtle Neck : long sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's)
- Navy and Khaki Chino slacks, only non-cargo (Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Skort, only non-cargo (Land's End or Read's)
- Classic Navy Jumper (Land's End)
- Navy Bike shorts (any carrier) should be worn under the jumper for modesty when tights are not worn. (HCA PE shorts are not acceptable to wear under the jumper.)
- Plain Navy leggings: ankle length; worn under jumpers or skorts (Land's End or Read's)
- Red Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram) no hoodies
- Red, White or Navy blue tights or socks, socks must be visible(purchased from any carrier)
- Shoes: solid neutral colors (white, gray, black, brown, khaki & blue) with no distracting trim; no bright/florescent colors; no plaid or extra embellishments; shoelaces must match shoes; purchased from any carrier.
- Belts must be black or brown, leather like (no ornaments) 1st-12th grade girls must wear, PS-K optional

Girls' Formal Chapel Uniform: Must be worn on designated Chapel days year-round. Items must be purchased from Land's End School Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Tights, socks and shoes may be purchased from any carrier. Chapel uniforms may be worn on other days besides Chapel.

- Long or short sleeved (your choice year-round) Peter Pan collared light blue knit blouse
- Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid Jumper
- Navy tights / navy or white knee or ankle length socks
- Plain Navy leggings; no lace, no trim, ankle length
- Navy blue, brown or black "Mary Jane" type rubber soled shoes; heels less than 1 inch

Outerwear: Coats may be purchased from any carrier but must be removed upon entering the classroom. The following may be worn in the classroom for warmth:

- HCA half-zip microfiber pullover, fleece Jacket or vest with Knight's logo (Land's End)
- HCA Sweatshirt, not hoodie style (purchased at HCA)
- Red Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram)

PE Class: (3rd – 5th grades) Grammar girls and boys will dress out for PE class

- Navy HCA t-shirt & Navy HCA gym shorts (purchased at HCA)
- Tennis shoes (any carrier)

HCA Grammar Boys' (Preschool – 5th grade) Uniforms

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Grammar Boys' Informal Uniforms: Must be purchased from the Land's End School Uniform Website, Read's Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Any combination of the following items may be worn year-round except for designated Chapel days. Informal uniforms may be worn on days when Chapel is not scheduled.

- Red, White or Navy blue polo: long or short sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's Uniforms)
- Red, White or Navy blue Turtle Neck or Mock Turtle Neck: long sleeve (Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Pants, non-cargo (Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Shorts, non-cargo (Land's End or Read's)
- Red Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram), no hoodies
- White, Navy blue or Khaki socks (purchased from any carrier). Socks must be visible.
- Black or Brown leather-like belt (no ornaments) 1st – 12th boys must wear belts; PS – K optional
- Shoes: solid neutral colors (white, gray, black, brown, khaki, & blue) with no distracting trim; no bright/florescent colors; no plaid or extra embellishments; shoelaces must match shoes; purchased from any carrier.

Grammar Boys' Formal Chapel Uniforms: Must be worn on designated Chapel days year-round. Items must be purchased from Land's End School Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Socks and shoes may be purchased from any carrier. Chapel uniforms may be worn on other days besides Chapel.

- Long or short sleeved (your choice year-round) light blue oxford shirt
- Navy Chino Pants, non-cargo
- Navy Socks (must be worn with all shoes and be visible)
- Black or Brown leather-like belt (no ornaments) 1st – 12th boys must wear belts; PS – K optional
- Navy blue, brown or black dress shoes (mock loafer type or dress lace-up type)
*Students may bring other shoes to change into for recess on Chapel days. Students will change back into Chapel shoes when returning to the classroom.

Outerwear: Coats may be purchased from any carrier but must be removed upon entering the classroom. The following may be worn in the classroom for warmth:

- HCA Half-Zip Microfiber pullover, Fleece Jacket or Vest with Knight's logo (Land's End)
- HCA Sweatshirt, not hoodie style (purchased at HCA)
- Red Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram)

PE Class: (3rd – 5th grades) Grammar girls and boys will dress out for PE class

- Navy HCA t-shirt & Navy HCA gym shorts (purchased at HCA)
- Tennis shoes (any carrier)

HCA Logic Girls' (6th – 8th grade) Uniforms

HCA desires to keep a high standard to honor the Lord in all we do, including uniform choices. Uniforms allow students to have fewer distractions in class. When purchasing uniforms, please use approved carrier.

Logic Girls' Informal Uniforms: Must be purchased from the Land's End School Uniform Website, Read's Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Any combination of the following items may be worn year-round except for designated Chapel days. Informal uniforms may be worn on days when Chapel is not scheduled.

- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize or Evergreen polo / long or short sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's Uniforms)
- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize or Evergreen Turtle Neck or Mock Turtle Neck / long sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Pants (Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Skorts (Land's End ONLY) navy required for Chapel
- Red or Evergreen Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without monogram)
- White, black or grey socks (must be plain, no designs; purchased from any carrier); navy, white, or black TIGHTS (must be plain, no designs, purchased from any carrier) Girl's Chapel knee socks or tights, navy or white; Boy's Chapel socks, navy or black. Girl's hosiery should be neutral in color with no design.
- Tennis shoes / Sperry's /Ballet flats: solid neutral colors (white, gray, black, brown, khaki, & blue); limited bright/florescent colors; no plaid or extra embellishments; no glitter; shoelaces must match shoes. Sperry's and Ballet flats may be worn without socks. With all other shoes, socks must be worn and visible.
- Black or brown leather-like belt, required for 1st-12th grade girls

Logic Girls' Formal Chapel Uniforms: Must be worn on designated Chapel days year-round. Items must be purchased from Land's End School Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Socks and shoes may be purchased from any carrier. Chapel uniforms may be worn on other days besides Chapel.

- White ¾ sleeve blouse (year-round)
- Navy Skort (women's sizes provides for length)*A-Line skirt only approved for the 2016-2017 school year
- Navy or White Knee Socks, Navy tights or Neutral Plain Hosiery
- Evergreen Drifter Sweater Vest (Land's End without a monogram)
- Navy Blue, Brown or black leather-like or suede dress shoes (heels must be less than 2 inches)

Outerwear: Coats may be purchased from any carrier but must be removed upon entering the classroom. The following may be worn in the classroom for warmth:

- Sweatshirt (purchased from HCA)
- HCA Half-Zip microfiber pullover, fleece Jacket or vest with Knight's logo (Land's End)
- Team outerwear (tops only). These are sweatshirts, or other tops that have been approved by HCA administration and distributed to all team members.
- Red or Evergreen Sweater: vest , V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram)

PE Class: All Logic students must dress out for PE Class

- Navy HCA t-shirt and Navy HCA gym shorts (purchased from HCA)
- Tennis shoes (any carrier)

HCA Logic Boys' (6th – 8th grade) Uniforms

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Logic Boys' Informal Uniforms: Must be purchased from the Land's End School Uniform Website, Read's Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Any combination of the following items may be worn year-round except for designated Chapel days. Informal uniforms may be worn on days when Chapel is not scheduled.

- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize or Evergreen polo: long or short sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's Uniforms)
- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize or Evergreen Turtle Neck or Mock Turtle Neck: long sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Pants or Shorts (Land's End or Read's)
- Red or Evergreen Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram)
- White, Navy blue, Khaki, Black or Brown socks (purchased from any carrier). Socks must be visible.
- Tennis shoes / Sperry's: solid neutral colors (white, gray, black, brown, khaki, & blue); limited bright/florescent colors; no plaid or extra embellishments; shoelaces must match shoes. Sperry's may be worn without socks. With all other shoes, socks must be worn and visible.
- Black or brown leather-like belt (no ornaments on the belt)

Logic Boys' Formal Chapel Uniforms: Must be worn on designated Chapel days year-round. Items must be purchased from Land's End School Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Socks and shoes may be purchased from any carrier. Chapel uniforms may be worn on other days besides Chapel.

- White long-sleeved oxford shirt (year-round)
- Navy Chino pants, non-cargo
- Navy or Black Socks (must be visible)
- Brown or black leather-like or suede dress shoes (mock loafer type or dress-up lace type; not dark tennis shoes)
- Brown or black leather-like belt (no ornaments on the belt)

Outerwear: Coats may be purchased from any carrier but must be removed upon entering the classroom. The following may be worn in the classroom for warmth:

- HCA sweatshirt (purchased from HCA)
- HCA half-zip microfiber pullover, fleece jacket or vest with logo (Land's End)
- Team outerwear (tops only). These are sweatshirts or other tops that have been approved by HCA administration and distributed to all team members.
- Red or Evergreen Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram)

PE Class: All Logic students must dress out for PE Class

- Navy HCA t-shirt and Navy HCA gym shorts (purchased from HCA)
- Tennis shoes (any carrier)

HCA Rhetoric Girls' (9th – 12th grade) Uniforms

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Rhetoric Girls' Informal Uniforms: Must be purchased from the Land's End School Uniform Website, Read's Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Any combination of the following items may be worn year-round except for designated Chapel days. Informal uniforms may be worn on days when Chapel is not scheduled.

- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize, Evergreen, Chambray blue, Pink or Black polo / long or short sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's Uniforms)
- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize, Evergreen Chambray blue, Pink or Black Turtle Neck or Mock Turtle Neck / long sleeve (Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Pants (Land's End or Read's) non-cargo
- Navy or Khaki Chino Skorts (Land's End or Read's) non-cargo
- Navy or Khaki Chino Shorts (Land's End or Read's) *Eliminated for the 2017-2018 school year
- Navy or Khaki Crops (Land's End or Read's)
- Red, Evergreen, Maize, White or Navy Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End – only the Maize Fine Gauge may be monogrammed) for chapel
- White, Navy blue, Khaki, Brown or Black socks or tights (must be plain, no designs; purchased from any carrier). Hosiery should be neutral in color with no patterns.
- Tennis shoes / Sperry's / Ballet Flats: solid neutral colors (white, gray, black, brown, khaki & blue); limited bright/florescent colors; no plaid or extra embellishments; no glitter; shoelaces must match shoes) purchased from any carrier. Sperry's & Ballet Flats may be worn without socks. With all other shoes, socks must be worn and visible.
- Black or Brown leather-like belt, required for 1st-12th grade girls.

Rhetoric Girls' Formal Chapel Uniforms: Must be worn on designated Chapel days year-round. Items must be purchased from Land's End School Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Socks and shoes may be purchased from any carrier. Chapel uniforms may be worn on other days besides Chapel.

- White ¾ sleeve or long sleeve blouse (year-round)
- Navy Skort (Navy A-line skirt may be worn during the 2016-2017 year ONLY)
- Fine Gauge Cotton Sweater in Maize with Academic Logo
- Navy or White Knee Socks, Navy tights or Neutral Plain Hosiery
- Navy Blue, Brown or black leather-like/suede dress shoes (heels must be less than 2 inches)

Outerwear: Coats may be purchased from any carrier but must be removed upon entering the classroom. The following may be worn in the classroom for warmth:

- HCA Half-Zip Microfiber pullover, Fleece Jacket or Vest with Knight's logo (Land's End)
- Team outerwear (tops only). These are sweatshirts, or other tops that have been approved by HCA administration and distributed to all team members.
- Red, Evergreen, Maize, White or Navy Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram except for Maize Chapel Sweater) no hoodie

PE Class: All Rhetoric students must dress out for any PE Class & PE electives. The class instructor will designate needed attire.

- Navy HCA t-shirt and Navy gym shorts (purchased from HCA)
- Tennis shoes (any carrier)

HCA Rhetoric Boys' (9th – 12th grade) Uniforms

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Rhetoric Boys' Informal Uniform: Must be purchased from the Land's End School Uniform Website, Read's Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Any combination of the following items may be worn year-round except for designated Chapel days. Informal uniforms may be worn on days when Chapel is not scheduled.

- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize, Evergreen, Chambray blue, Pink or Black polo: long or short sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's Uniforms)
- Red, White, Navy blue, Maize, Evergreen, Chambray blue, Pink or Black Turtle Neck or Mock Turtle Neck: long sleeve (purchased from Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Pants (Land's End or Read's)
- Navy or Khaki Chino Shorts (Land's End or Read's)
- Red, Evergreen, Maize, White or Navy Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End, no monogram)
- White, navy blue, Khaki Brown or Black socks, must be visible (purchased from any carrier)
- Tennis shoes / Sperry's: solid neutral colors (white, gray, black, brown, khaki & blue); limited bright/florescent colors; no plaid or extra embellishments; shoelaces must match shoes) purchased from any carrier. Sperry's may be worn without socks. With all other shoes, socks must be worn and visible.
- Black or brown leather-like belt (no ornaments on the belt)

Rhetoric Boys' Formal Chapel Uniform: Must be worn on designated Chapel days year-round. Items must be purchased from Land's End School Uniforms or the HCA Uniform Swap. Socks and shoes may be purchased from any carrier. Chapel uniforms may be worn on other days besides Chapel.

- White long-sleeved oxford shirt with academic logo (year round)
- HCA Tie

- Navy Chino Pants
- Navy or Black Socks (must be visible)
- Brown or black leather-like/suede dress shoes (mock loafer type or dress-up lace type; not dark tennis shoes)
- Black or brown leather-like belt (no ornaments on the belt)

Outerwear: Coats may be purchased from any carrier but must be removed upon entering the classroom. The following may be worn in the classroom for warmth:

- Sweatshirt (purchased from HCA)
- HCA Half-Zip Microfiber Pullover, Fleece Jacket or Vest with Knight's logo (Land's End)
- Team outerwear (tops only). These are sweatshirts, or other tops that have been approved by HCA administration and distributed to all team members.
- Red, Evergreen, Maize, White or Navy Sweater: vest, V-neck, crew neck, cardigan (Land's End without a monogram) no hoodie

PE Class: All Rhetoric students must dress out for PE Class & PE electives. The class instructor will designate needed attire.

- Navy HCA t-shirt and Navy HCA gym shorts (purchased from HCA)
- tennis shoes (any carrier)