

DRESS CODE 2013-14

Changes for the 2013-14 school year are highlighted.

The purpose of a dress code and of uniforms at Harding Academy is to guide students to dress neatly and modestly and to create a climate that focuses on students' spiritual, academic, and personal growth rather than on fashion or popularity.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Unless otherwise specified, all clothing items must come from Parker Uniforms. The uniform chart will show which items are required, which are optional, which must come from Parker, and which may come from any vendor.
- All clothing must be clean, not stained, and in good repair.
- Only the uniform items may be worn. Embellishments on or additions to the uniform are not permitted. A student's appearance must not call undue attention.
- Girls may wear small pieces of jewelry including wristwatches, small earrings (no bigger than a quarter), and small necklaces. Girls' makeup must not call undue attention. Boys may not wear earrings. Body piercing is not permitted, other than girls' ears (maximum of two earrings per ear). Tattoos, real or fake, that are visible either during the school day or at extracurricular events are not permitted.
- Khaki pants may be purchased from any vendor but must look like the ones that come from Parker. Acceptable khakis may have either pleated or plain front, but must not be cut like jeans. They must give a crisp, neat, dressy appearance. They must fit at the waist, not ride below the waist. They must be the traditional khaki color similar to that of Parker pants (not greenish or white). No cargo pants nor any pants with pockets on the legs are allowed.
- All socks (boys and girls) must cover the ankle bone.
- Boys and girls may wear athletic socks in school colors (royal or navy blue, red, white, gray, black). Logos on athletic socks must be in these same colors (royal or navy blue, red, white, gray, black).
- Boys' and girls' socks in other colors or with logos or trim in other colors may not be worn.
- In addition to ankle socks, girls may wear bobby socks, knee socks, or opaque tights.
- All buttons on girls' blouses must be buttoned.
- Girls' undershirts must not stick out below the hems or sleeves of their blouses. Undershirts or camis must be sleeveless or short-sleeved. They, as well as bras, must be plain white, and must not have lace or trim.
- Boys' shirts must be tucked in. Belts are required.
- Skirts must be no more than two inches (2") from the floor when the girl is kneeling on the floor.
- Hats, hoods, and caps may not be worn indoors.
- Hair must be clean and neat and not extreme in style. Unnatural hair coloring or an unnatural combination of hair colors is not permitted.
- Boys' hair (including braids) must not be longer than the eyebrows, top of the collar, or middle of the ear. Long sideburns are not permitted. Shaved heads are not permitted. Carvings or artwork cut into the hair or eyebrows is not permitted. Mohawks and fauxhawks are not permitted.

- Girls may wear any hair accessories (headbands, scrunchies, and barrettes) sold by Parker. In addition, girls may wear plain white, black, navy, red, or tortoise shell headbands, scrunchies, or barrettes from any vendor. Girls may not wear hair adornments such as feathers, beads, wraps, and sparkles.
- Boys must be clean shaven daily.
- Writing or drawing on the skin or on the shoes is not permitted.
- Shoes must be low-heeled (flats), low-cut, hard-soled, closed-heel and closed toe. They must be brown, tan, or black leather or suede; or athletic shoes in white, black, or gray with trim or accents in school colors (royal or navy blue, red, white, gray, black). Classic Toms-like shoes in solid school colors (navy, red, white, cream, gray, black) may be worn (socks required). Other varieties may not be worn (no glitter, crocheted, patterned, etc.). Shoe strings must be the same color as the shoe and must be tied. Shoes must be worn properly on the foot. Boots, moccasins, and house shoes are not permitted.
- The following outerwear may be worn into classrooms or through the halls: navy fleece jacket from Parker; navy hooded nylon zip jacket from Parker; navy jacket sold through the Spirit Store; Harding letter jacket; Harding team or club jacket in school colors (no hoods).
- Students are not required to wear uniforms at extracurricular activities unless uniforms are specified; but for any school-related event, on or off campus, clothing must always be appropriate for Christian young people. Specifically, clothing that is short, revealing, tight, or otherwise immodest is not acceptable.
- There will be special school days when students will be permitted to wear clothing other than uniforms. On these occasions (Spirit Days, for example), clothing will be expected to fit appropriately, to be modest, neat, clean, in good repair, and in keeping with the principles of a Christian school. Specific guidelines will be given for the special days.
- Students may be asked to wear the required uniform for field trips or special events.
- Students must keep their shirts or blouses on, even when school is dismissed, in the parking lot, on the bus, and so forth. They may not unbutton them or take them off, exposing an undershirt or cami.