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## Grades K-12 Dress Code Policy 2011-12

*(This policy applies to K-12 students; pre-kindergarten students are exempt.)*

### OVERVIEW

It is the desire of Horizon Christian School to provide a productive learning environment that includes a safe and modest standard of dress and that enhances our educational goals. Our Dress Code Policy serves to help us focus on learning and teaching while demonstrating a high standard of excellence to our community.

### GUIDELINES

Horizon students are to maintain a neat appearance at all times. All clothing worn to school must be within the guidelines listed in the following pages and may be purchased from any vendor that supplies school uniform clothing (or be indistinguishable from) that falls within the following specifications:

- Pants, skirts and shorts in tan, navy, grey, or black; skirts and jumpers may be plaid.
- Polo shirts, button up shirts, blouses, or sweaters in any solid color; argyle sweater vests are acceptable for girls.
- Clothing must be clean and free of damage.
- Clothing must fit properly (see specific guidelines for details).
- Pants and shirts must not be baggy or tight.
- All pants/shorts/skirts are to be hemmed.
- Shirts must fall two inches past the belt line for both boys and girls.
- All clothing must be free of imagery and wording, however, a Horizon Christian School logo can be added by Land's End at your request. This is permissible, but not required.
- No body or facial piercing of any kind; girls may have pierced ears.
- Hats and/or baseball caps may not be worn inside the building by either boys or girls.

The Board has authorized the Superintendent to declare a limited number of "special dress" days when modified apparel will best meet the objectives of Horizon for those days. In all cases, modified dress days will be equal to or more modest than standardized clothing provided elsewhere in this policy.

We recognize that it is a parent's responsibility to train their children to respect authority and the rules of our school community. We ask parents to see that their children are dressed according to the Dress Code Policy of Horizon Christian School. Together we hope to eliminate the need for teachers to spend valuable learning time reminding students of the Dress Code Policy.

Policy guidelines specific to boys and girls are included on pages 2 and 3.

The list below is a sample of some school uniform vendors. Order from the web, a catalog, or check your options at a retail store. (Some catalogs are available in the school office.)

Lands End (catalogs available in the school office) – [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) → school uniforms  
French Toast – [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com)  
Kohls – [www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com) → kids → school uniforms  
Target – [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) → kids → school uniforms  
Old Navy – [www.oldnavy.com](http://www.oldnavy.com) → girls or boys → school uniforms  
Gap – [www.gap.com](http://www.gap.com) → gapkids → uniforms  
J.C. Penney's – [www.jcpenney.com](http://www.jcpenney.com) → search: school uniforms



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## Dress Code Policy — Boys

Horizon students are to maintain a neat appearance at all times. All clothing worn to school must be within the guidelines listed in the following pages and may be purchased from any vendor that supplies school uniform clothing (or be indistinguishable from) that falls within the following specifications

### Shirts, Sweaters and Sweatshirts:

- Solid colors only, no denim
- Shirts must be polo shirts or button up shirts only
- No T-shirts (except for PE, see specifications below)

### Pants/Shorts:

- No denim
- Pants/shorts must be worn in the appropriate size. Pants/shorts must not sag so that underwear is showing.
- Underwear or bare (belly or lower back) skin should not be visible.
- Shorts may be worn in the spring when Daylight Saving Time begins and in the fall until Daylight Saving Time ends.

*The following items may be purchased from sources other than the authorized school uniform lines, but must meet Dress Code Policy requirements.*

### Coats:

Coats need to be free of inappropriate wording, logos, or pictures.

### PE Clothing:

- Solid color T- shirt must be worn in an appropriate size – no pictures or words
- Athletic shorts in appropriate size; shorts may not sag, so that underwear is showing
- Sweat bottoms in appropriate size – sweats may not sag, so that underwear is showing; solid colors; no imagery or wording

### Belts:

- Optional for elementary students; boys in grades 7-12 must wear a belt
- Must be solid, neutral color (black, tan, brown, beige, navy)
- No decorations or studs
- Must be worn in belt loops at all times

### Shoes:

- No flip-flops or beach footwear

### Accessories:

- Any jewelry should be small and understated
- No spikes, studs, heavy chains or bones
- No earrings or piercing of any kind
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building

### Hair:

- Hair must be above the collar in back; front must be above the eyebrows.
- Conventional haircuts only—extreme styles are unacceptable (e.g. long, spiked hair or dreadlocks)
- Sideburns must not go below the earlobe
- Hair must be a natural color (blonde, brown, black or auburn)
- No facial hair



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## Dress Code Policy — Girls

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### **Polo shirts, Blouses, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts:**

- Solid colors only; no denim.
- Polo shirts, blouses, sweaters, and sweatshirts must be worn in appropriate size, and may not be tight or baggy.
- Polo shirts, blouses, sweaters, and sweatshirts must fall at least 2" below waistband or be tucked in.

### **Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers:**

- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers must be tan, navy, grey, or black; skirts/jumpers may be plaid; no denim.
- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers must be appropriately sized – not tight (showing panty lines) or low (riding on the hips below the bottom of shirt). Underwear or bare (belly or lower back) skin should not be visible.
- Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee, measured from the floor while kneeling.

*The following items may be purchased from sources other than school uniform lines. but must meet Dress Code Policy requirements.*

### **Coats:**

- Coats need to be free of inappropriate wording, logos, or pictures.

**Shoes:** No flip flops, beach footwear or spiked heels.

### **Stockings/Hosiery:**

- Nylons or tights in neutral colors (taupe, brown, black, beige, navy); no patterns or fish net stocking
- Socks in any color

### **PE Clothing:**

- Solid color tee shirt (not white) in an appropriate size – not tight (clinging) and it must come at least 2" over shorts or sweats. No pictures or words.
- Shorts in appropriate size – not tight (showing panty lines) or low (riding on the hips below the bottom of the shirt); shorts may be no shorter than 7" above the floor when kneeling (girls in grades 7-12).
- Sweat bottoms in appropriate size – not tight (showing panty lines) or low (riding on the hips below the bottom of shirt); solid color only; no pictures or words.
- Solid color sweatshirt in an appropriate size – no pictures or words.

### **Bathing suits:**

- A modest one piece or tankini (no midriff showing)
- A modest two piece swimsuit may be worn with a solid dark (no white or light colors) tee shirt over it at all times

### **Jewelry:**

- All jewelry should be small and understated.
- Earrings only – no other body piercing.
- No studs, spikes, bones, or heavy chains
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

**Hair accessories:** No elaborate or distracting items. No hats or caps may be worn in the building.

**Makeup:** Natural looking makeup is permitted.

**Hair:** Hair may be any length; must be a natural color (blonde, brown, black or auburn). Styling must be conventional and understated (e.g. no long, spiked hair or dreadlocks).