

2017-2018 WAHLERT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code in the Holy Family Catholic School system is to aid in providing a focused learning environment and to minimize faddishness and comparison among students. The dress code must be consistently appropriate for that environment to foster Christian respect and modesty. Parents are expected to help the school staff enforce the dress code policy. The school administration will have final discretion on what is appropriate or not appropriate for school wear.

Shirts:

- Must be Holy Family approved and include a crest (purchased from the HFCS eStore @ www.holyfamilydbq.org/students-parents/estore). Any Holy Family crested shirt may be worn at any Holy Family site.
- WHITE, NAVY BLUE, ROYAL BLUE, GOLD (yellow), or BLACK short or long-sleeved polo shirts or oxford-style shirts (not all apparel choices available in all colors/sizes)
- Only solid-colored (navy, gold (yellow), white, black, gray or royal blue) t-shirts or turtlenecks (no visible lettering or graphics) may be worn under uniform shirts
- Teams/Clubs/Organizations may add the name of the group below the crest on items purchased from the eStore.

Pullovers and Jackets:

- Must be Holy Family approved and include a crest (purchased from the HFCS eStore @ www.holyfamilydbq.org/students-parents/estore). Any Holy Family crested pullover or jacket may be worn at any Holy Family site.
- WHITE, NAVY BLUE, ROYAL BLUE, GOLD, or BLACK (not all apparel choices available in all colors/sizes)
- A dress code shirt must be worn under pullovers and jackets
- Teams/Clubs/Organizations may add the name of the group below the crest on items purchased from the eStore.

Pants:

- Solid colors of NAVY BLUE, KHAKI (tan), GRAY or BLACK dress pants with waist-level zipper
- Must be free of contrasting stitching or trim
- Pants must be at least ankle-length and may not be folded (rolled) at the bottom
- Denim, spandex, sweatpants, and leggings are not considered dress pants

Shorts/Capris:

- Solid colors of NAVY BLUE, KHAKI (tan), GRAY or BLACK
- Dress shorts and capri pants may be worn from the beginning of the school year through October 15 and from April 15 through the end of the school year
- Shorts must be no shorter than 3½ inches from the top of the kneecap
- Jean-type, stretch-type, bib, biking, athletic, cut-off, spandex, nylon shorts or shorts/capri pants with contrasting stitching are not appropriate for school wear

Shoes:

- Any low-heel, closed-toe shoe that is appropriate for school wear may be worn. Open-toe shoes may be worn from the first day of school until October 15 and from April 15 to the last day of school if there is a strap on the back of the shoe.
- Boots with low-heel, indoor soles and designed for indoor wear may be worn
- Flip flops, heelys, and five finger shoes may not be worn

Accessories/Hairstyles:

- Hairstyles must be neat and well-groomed and not distracting to the learning environment
- Hair may be dyed but only natural hair colors
- Jewelry may be worn as long as it is appropriate for school wear
- Display of body piercings beyond the ears is not appropriate; such piercings must be covered and remain covered throughout the school day
- Hats/caps, scarves, and leg warmers are not to be worn in the building during school hours

Facial Hair:

- Boys must be clean shaven; beards or mustaches are not allowed
- Sideburns may be no longer than the end of the ear

Tattoos:

- Display of a tattoo is not appropriate for school
- Tattoos must be kept covered throughout the school day

Dress-up days:

Periodically throughout the school year, there will be special days designated as "dress-up" days. Variance from the regular dress code will be expected and accepted. Dress must be consistently appropriate for an environment that fosters Christian respect, modesty and learning. Accordingly, on dress-up days, students will be expected to be in apparel that while "dressier" than regular school wear, would be more appropriate for a job interview or a family celebration rather than a prom or other purely social occasion.

Girls may wear dress pants (no **blue** jeans) with a zipper (no yoga pants or leggings) or a skirt that is no shorter than 3½ inches above the knee. Girls may wear a blouse or shirt with the skirt/dress pants. The blouse/shirt should modestly cover what is appropriate to cover. Girls may wear a dress that is no shorter than 3½ inches above the knee and modestly covers what is appropriate to cover. **If there are narrow straps on the dress, a sweater must be worn over the dress to cover the shoulders.** Girls may not wear leggings unless they are under a skirt or **dress**. Boys may wear dress pants (no **blue** jeans) with a dress shirt and/or sweater. Boys are encouraged to wear a tie.

Casual days & Spirit days:

Periodically throughout the school year, there will be special days designated as "casual" days or spirit days. Variance from the regular dress code will be expected and accepted. Dress must be consistently appropriate for an environment that fosters Christian respect, modesty and learning. On casual days/spirit days, although the dress code will be relaxed, students will be expected to comply with the specific dress parameters provided for the occasion. Dress for casual days/spirit days will be announced during the WCTV broadcast or during the daily announcements. Casual days/spirit days will not be scheduled for all-school Mass days.

Note: The dress code is reviewed and revised annually by the Holy Family Catholic Schools Student Services Committee. This committee meets throughout the school year. Comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding the dress code may be submitted to Holy Family Catholic School Student Services Committee at tpetsche@holymfamilydbq.org.