



## MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The Heathwood Hall Dress Code serves many purposes: It promotes unity and school pride; it puts students on equal footing regardless of socioeconomic status; and perhaps most importantly, it models ideals of professionalism and seriousness within the context of a school.

When choosing to join the Heathwood community, students and their families also commit to following school rules, including the dress code. Students who disregard the dress code are choosing to remove themselves from the community, and open themselves to a disciplinary response.

The following Dress Code pertains to the school day, **from arrival in the morning until dismissal in the afternoon**. Students should dress according to the guidelines for all classes, field trips, disciplinary consequences, and off-campus experiences, unless otherwise notified.

### General Guidelines

- Clothing must not be ripped, torn, patched, frayed, or otherwise visibly damaged or altered.
- Clothing must be clean and fit properly, not be excessively baggy, too short, too tight, or too revealing.
- Only ears may reveal piercings. Extreme piercings (e.g. ears gauges) are not permitted. No other body parts may reveal piercing.
- Hair must be neatly groomed and must not fall into the eyes. Extremely unnatural hair color or any hairstyle deemed extreme or distracting is not permitted.
- Visors and baseball caps are not permitted at all (even outside) except during outdoor classes, with the express permission of the teacher. Hats worn for cold weather will be

removed indoors.

- On game days, athletes will dress according to their coach's instructions.

### **Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses**

- Students may wear traditionally styled pants and shorts. Pants and shorts must be plain with no cargo pockets. Denim, spandex, and lycra are not acceptable.
- Athletic shorts/skorts/skirts are not permitted.
- Girls may wear skirts/skorts/dresses/jumpers purchased in the Plaid Peddler, at the HPA Uniform Sale, or as specified through the Heathwood uniform section in Land's End. Please note that jumpers must be worn with a Heathwood collared shirt.
- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses/Jumpers must be khaki, navy blue, or Heathwood Plaid in color.
- For all students, skorts/shorts/jumpers/dresses must be a length appropriate to a professional school environment. They must extend at least beyond the fingertips when students are standing up straight with their arms at their sides.

### **Shirts**

- Shirts will have a collar, will display the Heathwood logo, and should be in an approved Heathwood color.
- Shirts must be purchased in the Plaid Peddler, at the HPA Uniform Sale, or as specified through the Heathwood uniform section online at Land's End.

### **Sweaters and Fleece**

- Sweaters and fleeces will display the Heathwood logo and should be in an approved Heathwood color.
- Sweaters and fleeces must be purchased in the Plaid Peddler, at the HPA Uniform Sale, or as specified through the Heathwood uniform section online at Land's End; sweaters and fleeces must be worn over an official Heathwood logo shirt.

### **Sweatshirts**

- Sweatshirts must be Heathwood-issued purchased in the Plaid Peddler, at the HPA Uniform Sale, as specified through the Heathwood uniform section online at Land's End, or as specified by an athletic team.

### **Heavy Coats and Jackets (Outerwear)**

- In cold or inclement weather, any appropriate coat or jacket may be worn to school and

when moving between classes. Outerwear will be removed indoors.

### **Shoes/Socks/Stockings/Leggings**

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Closed-toe shoes, leather sandals, and athletic shoes are permitted. **Crocs and slides are not permitted.** Fishnet stockings, ripped stockings, or stockings/socks that stop above the knee are not permitted. Leggings (navy blue, black, white, and gray) may only be worn under dress code bottoms.

The administration will announce variations from the published dress expectations. Beyond the stipulations listed, the final judgment of acceptable attire and personal appearance is at the discretion of the Middle School faculty and administration. For students not in dress code, parents may be called to bring a change of clothes, or students may be asked to change into dress code attire provided by the school if parents are unable to come to school or are not reachable by phone.