

## DRESS CODE:

Christian Heritage believes that a student's appearance should reflect the impression that formal learning is important enough to call for precision and neatness in dress. Style of clothing should indicate a serious academic purpose on the part of the student and not in any way distract from instruction. Our standards for dress and grooming are in keeping with the high Christian ideals which we seek to establish in those who attend the school. Therefore, we have established the following dress code:

### SPECIFIC GUIDELINES BOYS AND GIRLS

- Shirts: Long-sleeved or short-sleeved, knit "polo" style or turtlenecks, in solid white, dark green, navy or primary red (not maroon/burgundy or pink); no emblems, logos, initials/letters, words, or pictures. Middle school students are permitted to wear black, light blue, or primary purple "polo" style shirts. Shirts should not have pockets. Christian Heritage t-shirts may be worn on Fridays and Christian Heritage sweatshirts may be worn as needed.
- Slacks or shorts: Solid, dark navy or khaki, uniform style, with no labels. Shorts must be no more than two inches above the knee. Capri pants and Bermuda shorts (uniform style) that are purchased from a Uniform Shop, Gap or French Toast may also be worn. Clothing must be properly fitted (an appropriate size) and hemmed to an appropriate length. **No cargo pants permitted.**
- Socks or tights: Crew or ankle socks or tights must be worn at all times. Socks and tights must be solid uniform colors (red, navy, white, or black).
- Shoes: Must be enclosed (no sandals, flip-flops, "jelly" shoes, heelies with wheels, etc.) No boots, "crocs", or platform shoes may be worn. Solid color shoes are preferred and colors should not draw attention to the students. Students must follow these guidelines on non-uniform days.
- Belts: Solid navy, brown, or black belts may be worn with apparel that has belt loops. A belt is optional for K5 students.
- Sweaters: Pullover or button, solid white, solid primary red, solid black or solid dark navy. Sweaters must be properly fitted, not oversized.
- Outer wear: Jackets and coats of your choice. Jackets and coats may **not** be worn in classrooms. Christian Heritage sweatshirts may be purchased each fall in navy or red. We can have cold days in Florida during the winter. On these days please send your child to school with appropriate, warm outer wear. Students may be outside during recess or extended care when the temperature is 40 degrees or above.

In addition to the above, girls may supplement their wardrobes with the following:

- Skirt, Skort, or Jumpers: Solid, dark navy, or khaki. Skirt, Skort, or Jumpers must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- Blouses: White, "uniform" style, button up blouse.
- Hair Accessories: Must be uniform color (red, white, navy or black). Bows, flowers, etc. may be no more than two inches in size.

NOTE: The solid, dark navy articles of clothing can be purchased at major department stores. Only uniform-style clothes are acceptable. The RC Uniforms and Sunshine School Uniforms also carry these items. You can also visit the website for French Toast brand uniforms at [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com). *(Please be aware that, as with any other store, not all items in the uniform stores meet the dress code. Please call the school office if you have a question.)*

1. Hair must be clean and neatly combed. For boys, length should be above collar, mid-ear, and above eyebrows. Hairstyles should be appropriate and consistent with good grooming and in no way a distraction to instruction. Fad hairstyles featuring different colors, unusual figures or designs cut in the hair, or ponytails on boys are not acceptable. Hair styles which are short in one area and long in another are not acceptable. Hair styles which draw attention to the student or cause them to stand out are not acceptable. Caps and hats are not to be worn inside the buildings.
2. All clothing should be clean, properly fitted and in good repair (properly hemmed, no holes, etc.).
3. Shirts must be tucked in neatly at all times.
4. Jewelry should be in keeping with the testimony of a Christian woman. Elementary students are not to wear make up. The dress of the Christian should not call undue attention to self. Jewelry that reflects feminine appearance must not be worn by boys. Boys may not wear earrings and if a necklace is worn it must be inside the shirt. Girls earrings may be no longer than one inch.
5. Students may not write on themselves, others, or on school uniforms. Fake skin tattoos are not allowed on skin not covered by the uniform.

From time to time there may be “free” days or field trip days, when students may not be required to wear their uniforms. “Free” days are ONLY when scheduled by the administration. Modesty, good taste and sensitivity to school policies and our Christian principles should be an overriding guideline to selecting clothing for such “free” days. The following guidelines do not attempt to embrace every conceivable situation in the realm of dress. In the event of a question, the administration will make the final determination on acceptability.

1. All shorts, skirts, and dresses are to be modest in length. Females’ sleeveless shirts, sweaters or dresses should not be revealing. No sun dresses or backless styles will be permitted.
2. Halters, spaghetti straps, midriffs and tube-tops are not allowed.
3. No bleached out, faded, sheer, see-through, clingy, or tight-fitting garments will be permitted.
4. All slacks should be properly fitted and in good repair. The “bicycle” elastic pants or any close fitting pants will not be permitted, nor any oversized or baggy pants. No sweat pants.
5. Clothing advertising tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or drug-related paraphernalia is not to be worn. In addition, shirts with inappropriate slogans, pictures, or designs are not permitted. Tank tops and fishnet shirts are not acceptable.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times. Tennis shoes must be in good repair and laces tied at all times. No thongs or flip-flops. Boots without a heel may be worn on free dress day only. Boot must be solid black, brown, or gray in color.
7. If denim jeans/skirts are worn, they must be neat, clean, and not torn.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents should dress modestly and appropriately when volunteering on campus and when chaperoning a school event (e.g. a field trip).

All items of dress and other articles that fall into this category are subject to the approval of the administration. Dress code violations will be handled in the following manner:

1. On the first occasion, a letter from the school office will be sent home with the student to make the parents aware of the problem.
2. On the second occasion, the parents will be called about the infraction.
3. On the third occasion, parents will be called to bring the appropriate clothing. The student will wait in the office until someone is able to bring appropriate clothing.

Thank you for your support in this area, as together we help your child learn to take responsibility for this area of his/her life.