

# Houghton Academy Dress Code

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Houghton Academy's dress code is governed by modesty, neatness, courtesy, and cleanliness. Some aspects of the dress code are simply for the ease of enforcement. Any/all regulations pertaining to appearance are meant to insure that excessive or extreme styles of dress are to be avoided and that a general "spirit" of appearance, consonant with the philosophy of the Academy, is to be followed.

Standards of appearance are utilized in order to promote order, self-respect, and pride within our school community. We do recognize that conformity to such standards, while giving evidence of a mature sense of responsibility, does not make a person a Christian or even more "spiritual."

### CLASSES

#### **Girls:**

- ◆Dresses, skirts, slacks, corduroys. Denim jeans of any color may be worn only on Friday.
- ◆Tops (blouses/shirts) must have fold-down collars. Tops, other than those with straight hems or minimally (3 inches maximum) scooped hems, must be tucked in. Turtlenecks are also acceptable.
- ◆Blazers, dress jackets (no denim) and dress sweaters are appropriate.

#### **Guys:**

- ◆Slacks, corduroys. All pants must be worn at the waist. Denim jeans of any color may be worn only on Friday.
- ◆Shirts must have a fold-down collar. Shirts, other than those with straight hems, must be tucked in. Turtlenecks are also acceptable.
- ◆Sport coats, sweaters, and ties are appropriate.
- ◆Socks must be worn unless wearing sandals.

#### **All:**

"Academy Wear" (clothing sold by the Academy) is acceptable on Fridays.

- ◆Please do not wear: hats, outdoor jackets, tops and pants with pictures, numbers or letters on them (small chest-pocket-size logos are acceptable), any skin-tight clothing, pants with writing on the seat, stretch pants, stirrup pants, sweats, capris, jean bib overalls.

- ◆Sweaters with hoods may be worn but the hood is not to be worn up.
- ◆Shirts with buttons must be buttoned. Underlayers (shirts) must be tucked in.
- ◆Pants are too short if they are noticeably above the ankle and are too long if they touch the floor.
- ◆The bottom of pant legs may not be frayed.
- ◆If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- ◆Footwear with laces must be fully tied. Dress sandals are acceptable. Flip-flops, sports sandals and any thong-type sandals are not acceptable.

Please wear your clothes in a conventional manner rather than altering them to meet some current fad.

### DRESS UP DAY (All students)

- ◆Students will dress up every Chapel Day which is normally Thursday. Regular dress code with these adjustments: boys will wear dress shirts (buttoned) and ties (tied neatly); girls will wear dresses or skirts. No polo shirts or fleeces..

### FRIDAY DRESS (All students)

Regular dress code with denim jeans and Academy Wear is also acceptable.

### DRESS DOWN DAY (All students)

- ◆Okay to wear: T-shirts, sweat shirts, shorts (5 inch minimum inseam), wind pants, footwear without socks.
- ◆Not okay to wear: hats, tank tops, clothes with holes/tears, pants with writing on the seat, pajamas.

## **OTHER TIMES (All students)**

♦Casual wear. (Modesty issues apply with casual wear.)

## **BANQUET DRESS CODE**

### **Girls:**

The neckline of the dress must be modest. This means no cleavage showing at any time and no plunging necklines. The back of the dress can not be lower than the underarms. The length of the dress can be no shorter than 5 inches above the floor when kneeling (as in the regular dress code). If the dress has a slit, it also can be no higher than the five inch guideline for length.

### **Guys:**

Appropriate dress-up attire is required. This means dress pants, sport coat, collared shirt, tie, shoes (no sneakers), a suit, or tux.

### **All:**

Students who fail to comply with these requirements may not be allowed to attend the banquet. This means that parents will be called to come and pick up their child if they come out of dress code. Ticket money will not be refunded. The dress code also applies for both male and female dates who are not students at Houghton Academy.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

### **Girls:**

♦Tops (blouses/shirts) and dresses should have modest necklines and cover the shoulders, midriff, and back. If a dress jacket or shawl is being worn in order to meet this expectation it must remain on. Dress/skirt length should be no shorter than 5 inches above the floor when kneeling.

### **Guys:**

♦No beards.  
♦No earrings during school, church, or school activities that are on the official school calendars. (At other times acceptable earrings are studs and hoops no larger than ½ inch diameter.)  
♦Hair should be out of the eyes and should not cover the collar.

### **All:**

♦Other than ears, no piercing of visible body parts.  
♦Hair should be kept neat and clean.  
♦Dying your hair is acceptable as long as the result does not include any unnatural colors. Permission must be secured to dye your hair with any other end result or to shave your head. Not all requests will be granted.  
♦No visible tattoos.

**♦All clothing should be in decent condition (no holes, not faded, hemmed, etc.)**

**♦All visible clothing must conform to the dress code.**

**♦The administration reserves the right to interpret what constitutes proper dress in individual cases not specifically covered by the code.**