

Houghton Academy Dress Code

Houghton Academy's uniform policy is governed by principles of modesty, neatness, courtesy, and cleanliness. Standards of appearance have been adopted to promote order, a variety of clothing options, ease of application, self-respect, unity, and success within our school community. We recognize that conformity to such standards, while giving evidence of a mature sense of responsibility, does not make a person a Christian or more spiritual.

Students attending Houghton Academy are required to wear the official school uniform from the Lands' End. Our uniform clothing is available online at www.landsend.com. Choose the "School" tab at the top and enter Houghton Academy's school number 900149816.

Only items in the Houghton Academy uniform line are acceptable during the school day. Please purchase Lands' End uniform items well in advance of school attendance and label clothing with the student's name in case of loss. *Note: last year's uniforms are acceptable Academy wear.*

Students are expected to wear the school uniform in an acceptable and appropriate manner. Wearing of the school uniform in a way that creates a distraction is unacceptable. When students are out of compliance with the following guidelines, the administration will determine if the student may remain in classes or be held out until appropriate attire is located. Parent/Guardian contacts will be made as needed. Repeated disregard for Academy attire guidelines may result in suspension from classes and activities.

General Expectations

All:

Within the school facilities and when on excursions during school office hours (7:30 am – 4:30 pm), students are expected to be in school uniform.

- Hair should be kept neat and clean.
- Dyed hair may only be worn in a natural hair color. Unnatural hair colors and/or shaving one's head are not allowed without special advance administrative permission.
- No piercing of visible body parts other than ears is permitted. Ear gauges or plugs are disallowed. Body art must be covered during the school day and at school functions.

Boys:

- Boys should not wear earrings during the school day, at church, or school activities on the official calendar. At other times, studs and hoops no larger than ½ inch diameter may be worn.
- Beards or facial hair may not be worn.
- Hair should be out of the eyes and should not cover the collar.

Girls:

- No cleavage should show when seated, standing, or bending over; no bare midriffs.
- Skirts must be worn as manufactured, without hemming or rolling them at the waist.

- Length of dress or skirts should be no shorter than 5" above floor measured in kneeling position.

Additional dress code highlights:

1. Regular School Days

Girls:

- Lands' End pants, shorts, skirts, blouses (straight hems need not be tucked in), polo shirts
- Lands' End sweaters and fleeces
- Belt – may be purchased anywhere

Boys:

- Lands' End pants, shorts, dress shirts (must be tucked in), polo shirts
- Lands' End sweaters and fleeces
- Belt – may be purchased anywhere

3. After School/School Events

- Students may dress casually and modestly while still following general guidelines.

4. Special Days

There are other special days at Houghton Academy such as Spirit Week, field trips and banquets when proper dress code will be determined and communicated.

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