



Grades 9-12 Dress Code

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HOPE Academy will be piloting a no-uniform dress code* for High School students during the 2017-18 school year except for required items as outlined below. The purpose of our dress code is to set a common standard of modesty, neatness and appropriateness, and to encourage a level of excellence for all students. It is our desire that students recognize the importance of not conforming to the culture around them, but rather dressing in a way that sets them apart.

*Required items for full-time students

Oxford shirt:

One Land's End WHITE long-sleeved oxford shirt with a logo is required for special events. Blue oxfords with the old logo will be grandfathered through the 2018-19 school year.

Khaki bottoms:

Boys should purchase pants and girls should purchase either pants or a fingertip-length skirt from any vendor. These items will be worn with the oxford for special events.

HOPE t-shirt:

A current year's t-shirt should be purchased annually in August directly from HOPE. These will be worn on spirit days.

General dress code guidelines for all High School students

All students should keep in mind the goals of modesty, neatness, appropriateness, and excellence when dressing to come to school.

While it is our desire to allow students freedom in this area, it is expected that students will dress in a manner that honors God and sets a positive example for younger students. Administration reserves the right to issue demerits or require a clothing change for any items deemed inappropriate. HOPE reserves the right to modify these guidelines at any time as a result of specific challenges or cultural changes.

General framework for items specifically NOT permitted:

- Athletic wear such as sweatpants, yoga pants, track pants, and basketball shorts
- Excessively baggy clothing
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops
- Items that are overly form-fitting
- Open-toed shoes, flip-flops
- Leggings or tight pants without a long (below the bottom) shirt

Personal Care:

Students should bathe regularly, wear deodorant, and re-apply deodorant after P.E. (if applicable).

Jewelry:

Jewelry should be small and discreet. Only girls may have pierced ears and no more than two per earlobe; no other body piercing is permitted.

Spirit Wear:

On designated Spirit Days, students should wear their HOPE t-shirts and modest, appropriate jeans. *All students are required to have a HOPE t-shirt for the current school year. T-shirts will be made available for purchase at HOPE annually in August.

Hair:

Must be a natural color, be neatly groomed, and the style should not attract attention. If boys' hair falls below the eyebrows or collar, it needs to be pulled back.

Physical Education:

Students in upper grades who are taking P.E. are required to change clothes.

GIRLS: Comfortable Bermuda or Capri-length athletic shorts or long pants of your choice may be worn. Short shorts (i.e. running shorts) and spandex-style/lycra bottoms are not permitted. All bottoms should be loose-fitting. Shirts need to have sleeves (short or long) and be loose-fitting. Tennis shoes must be worn.

BOYS: Comfortable athletic shorts or long pants may be worn. Running shorts are not permitted and all bottoms should be loose-fitting. Shirts need to have sleeves (short or long) and be loose-fitting but not excessively baggy. Tennis shoes must be worn.