

Heritage Charter Academy
DRESS AND GROOMING FOR GRADES K-8th
SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION



Benefits of School Uniforms

Heritage Charter Academy requires mandatory uniforms for all students. There are many positive reasons for uniforms, including:

- Uniforms encourage students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances.
- Uniforms put the focus on academics, not fashion, because students project a neat, serious, businesslike image.
- Uniforms create a school environment conducive fewer discipline problems because students are not distracted.
- Uniforms can be less expensive.
- Uniforms minimize the visible socio-economic differences between children.
- Uniforms eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing.
- Uniforms create a sense of school pride and belonging.

Listing of Acceptable Clothing Traditional Uniforms

Uniforms do not allow for clothing with colored trim, stripes, embroidery, decoration, etc. They also do not provide for overalls (overalls with pants, shorts, or skirts), sweatpants, sweat suit joggers, basketball shorts/pants, leggings, etc.

School Uniforms:

- Kelly Green or Royal blue polo shirts (take to Mateo's on Hancock to get embroidered)



- Pants or shorts for all grade levels, khaki, navy blue or black

Gym uniform:

- Gray t-shirt and black shorts

Taekwondo uniform:

- Purchase a dobok or gi (contact Master Alderman for order info)

Other rules for appropriate dress:

- Shirts (including t-shirts) must be below the waist line (no belly shirts).
- Shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- Shoes must be safe and appropriate (no house slippers).
- Clothes must be appropriate size, with waist of garment worn at student's waist.
- Clothing that is too tight or too loose is not appropriate for school.

School administrators will determine if clothing is appropriate for school and complies with district rules.

Exceptions to the uniform dress code shall be permitted when:

- A student's parent requests a reasonable accommodation to address the student's disability or medical condition. Such request shall be provided in writing and submitted to the principal for approval.
- The wearing of clothing in compliance with the uniform dress code violated a student's sincerely held religious belief. Such students and the student's parents shall submit a signed affidavit setting forth the religious issues and the requested exemption to the policy.