



## DRESS CODE 2023-2024

The purpose of a dress code and of uniforms at Harding Academy is to create a climate that focuses on students' spiritual, academic, and personal growth rather than on fashion or popularity. While it is impossible to name every possible dress code issue that might come up, the following guidelines are given to help parents and students have an idea of the school's expectations.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Unless otherwise specified, all clothing items must come from Dennis Uniforms. The uniform chart will show which items must come from Dennis and which may come from any vendor.
- All clothing must be clean, must fit properly, and must be in good repair.
- Khaki pants may be purchased from any vendor but must look like the ones that come from Dennis. Acceptable khakis must not be cut like jeans. They must fit at the waist, not ride below the waist and must be the traditional khaki color similar to that of Dennis. No joggers or cargo pants are allowed.
- Writing or drawing on the skin, on the shoes, or on uniform pieces is not permitted.
- Tattoos, real or fake, that are visible during the school day are not permitted.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Students are not required to wear uniforms at co-curricular activities unless uniforms are specified. Specifically, clothing that is short, revealing, tight, or otherwise immodest is not acceptable.
- There will be special school days when students will be permitted to wear clothing other than uniforms. On these occasions (Homecoming Week, for example), clothing will be expected to be appropriate. Clothing that is short, revealing, tight, or otherwise immodest is not acceptable.
- Fridays are designated as Spirit Days. Students may wear any Harding-logo t-shirt or sweatshirt (team, club, event) that says "Harding" on it, that is in good repair, and that is worn with the normal uniform skirts, khaki pants, or modest jeans in good repair, approved Harding outerwear, and uniform shoes. Shirts do not have to be tucked in.

### Outerwear:

- The following outerwear may be worn into classrooms or through the halls: jackets from Dennis; Harding letter jackets; Harding team or club jacket in school colors.
- Every student must wear a collared uniform shirt or blouse under jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters.
- Hats, hoods, and caps may not be worn indoors.
- Any outerwear that is specially made to be worn during the school day must be approved. All wording and logos must be approved by the communications department.

### Shoes and socks:

- Shoes must be low heel (flats), closed-heel, and closed toe. Shoes must be worn properly on the foot. Moccasins, house shoes, and boots are not permitted.
- Socks are required for both boys and girls. The color, pattern, or style of socks is not dictated.

### Hair:

- Hair must be clean and neatly styled and not extreme or distracting to the learning environment. Unnatural hair coloring, mohawks, long sideburns, shaved heads, or artwork/designs cut into the hair or eyebrows, and overly large or tall hairstyles are not allowed.
- Hair must be out of the eyes. Hair may be pulled back with a headband or worn in a bun, ponytail, or braid(s) with appropriate hair accessories: only Harding plaid, navy, red, white, black, or gray.. Adornments such as feathers and sparkles may not be worn.

### Specific to Boys:

- Boys' shirts must be tucked in. Belts are required.

- Boys must be clean shaven. Students with medical documentation for not shaving should trim facial hair.
- Boys may not wear earrings during the school day, nor may they wear spacers or band-aids over earrings. Body piercings should not be visible.
- Boys may not wear makeup either during the school day or at extracurricular events.

#### **Specific to Girls:**

- Girls may wear opaque tights or full-length leggings. Girls tights or leggings may not be worn as pants. Tights and leggings may be solid navy, black, or gray.
- Skirts must be no more than 3" above the kneecap, both front and back, whether a girl is standing, sitting, or bending. Shorts may not be visible outside of the skirt.
- Girls may wear small pieces of jewelry including wristwatches, small earrings, and small necklaces.
- Body piercings should not be visible, other than girls' ears (maximum of two per ear).

### **CONSEQUENCES OF DRESS CODE VIOLATION**

The school administration reserves the right to make any final judgements regarding school dress and student appearance. Parents are responsible to send their children to school with correct dress and grooming. The parent of a student who is in violation of the dress code policy may be required either to take the student home to get appropriate attire or to bring appropriate attire to the school. If the student is dressed immodestly, he or she will be removed from class until modest attire is provided by the parent. Multiple dress code infractions could lead to disciplinary action.

## UNIFORM PURCHASING GUIDELINES

Items for Girls	Dennis	Any Vendor
Plaid pleated skirt	X	
Harding polo shirt (red or navy, long or short sleeves)	X	
Socks or tights (must be visible and matching)		X
Khaki pants		X
Bike shorts (black, navy)		X
Hair accessories (headband, scrunchy, bow, barrette, etc.)	X	X
Belt (black or brown leather)		X
Tights (solid black, navy, or gray heavy weight)		X
Leggings: full-length (solid black, navy, or gray heavy weight)		X
Navy microfleece jacket	X	
Navy wind anorak jacket	X	
Navy quarter zip sweatshirt	X	

Items for Boys	Dennis	Any Vendor
Khaki pants		X
Harding polo shirt (red or navy, long or short sleeves)	X	
Socks (must be visible and matching)		X
Belt (black or brown leather)		X
Navy microfleece jacket	X	
Navy wind anorak jacket	X	
Navy quarter zip sweatshirt	X	

	Dennis	Any Vendor
<b>Optional for Seniors Only (boys and girls)</b>		
Navy and white striped polo shirt		***

\*\*\* We are researching a new vendor possibility for this item.