



# HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The details listed below are expected to be sufficient to establish the intent of HCHS that the students exemplify neatness, self-respect, and modesty. Students are expected to comply with these regulations while on school property. **The Administration of HCHS retains the right of determining compliance in all areas of the dress code. Also, moderators and coaches may require more stringent guidelines for participation in co-curricular activities.**

## YOUNG WOMEN

**Blouse:** An oxford dress shirt with Holy Cross logo, short or long sleeve, white or maroon, are the only acceptable shirts. The buttons on the collar must be buttoned. Only top button can be unbuttoned. *Any shirt or undergarment worn beneath a girl's shirt must be solid white and cannot be long sleeve when wearing a short sleeve uniform shirt.*

**Slacks:** ***Slacks can be worn all year, but must be worn in the months of November, December, January and February.*** Slacks must be navy or khaki. ***They must be true dress straight-leg pants with no exterior pockets.*** They must not have any alterations from the original state (i.e. split cuffs). *No corduroys, jeans, cargo, carpenter, hip huggers or flair bottoms are allowed. No faded khaki or stone colored pants are allowed.* The waistband and belt must be visible at all times. Sagging is not allowed.

**Uniform Skirt:** ***Skirts are only worn in the months of August, September, October, March, April and May.*** Skirts must be purchased from a designated distributor. Skirts may be gray, maroon or plaid, and should be proper and modest in length (no more than 3 inches above the knee). Waistband must be visible at all times. Skirts must be buttoned at all times.

**Shorts:** ***Shorts are only worn in the months of August, September, October, March, April and May.*** Shorts must be purchased from a designated distributor and may be khaki or navy; shorts may not be rolled up.

**Belt:** A plain or braided belt must be worn. **No metal eyelets or studs are allowed on the belt.** The only buckle allowed is the original buckle – **no large metal buckles are allowed.** Belts must be visible at all times.

**Uniform Sweaters (Maroon) or Sweatshirts (Ash Gray):** Uniform sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn. They must be purchased from a designated distributor. A white or maroon oxford shirt must be worn under the sweater or sweatshirt.

**Socks:** Socks must be worn at all times, cover the ankle and must be visible. Socks may be white, navy, or gray in color. No commercial logos can appear on the socks. No nylon stockings or ankle socks of any kind are allowed.

**Shoes:** Dress or athletic shoes must be worn. All foot apparel must be in neat and clean condition. They must be tied, buckled or fastened. **Sandals, Crocs and backless shoes may not be worn.**

**Boots may only be worn with pants and may not have pants tucked inside of the boots.**

**Jewelry and Make-up:** All jewelry and make-up must be in moderation and good taste. Body piercing is not allowed. Visible tattoos are not allowed.

**Hair:** Hair must be neat and clean. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors are permitted. No head coverings or head bands wider than 1 ½ inches are allowed.

## **YOUNG MEN**

**Shirts:** An oxford dress shirt with Holy Cross logo, short or long sleeve, white or maroon, are the only acceptable shirts. The buttons on the collar must be buttoned. Only top button can be unbuttoned.

*Any shirt or undergarment worn beneath a boy's shirt must be solid white and cannot be long sleeve when wearing a short sleeve uniform shirt.*

**Ties:** Dress ties may be worn and must be in good taste; shirt collars must be buttoned.

**Slacks:** Slacks must be navy or khaki. They may be Dickies, Dockers or other appropriate brands of uniform pants. They must not have any alterations from the original state (i.e. split cuffs). *No corduroys, jeans, cargo, carpenter, hip huggers or flair bottoms are allowed. No faded khaki or stone colors are allowed.* Waistband and belts must be visible at all times. Sagging is not allowed.

**Uniform Sweaters (Maroon) or Sweatshirts (Ash Gray):** Uniform sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn. They must be purchased from a designated distributor. A white or maroon oxford shirt must be worn under the sweater or sweatshirt.

**Shorts:** Shorts must be purchased from a designated distributor and may be khaki or navy. Shorts may not be rolled up and may only be worn during **designated dates** of summer dress code. (Usually before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and after May 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**Belt:** A plain or braided belt must be worn. **No metal eyelets or studs are allowed on the belt.**

The only buckle allowed is the original buckle – **no large metal buckles are allowed.** Belts must be visible at all times.

**Socks:** Socks must be worn at all times all times, cover the ankle and must be visible. Socks may be white, navy, or gray in color. No ankle socks of any kind are allowed. No commercial logos can appear on the socks.

**Shoes:** Dress or athletic shoes must be worn. All foot apparel must be in neat and clean condition. They must be tied, buckled or fastened. **Sandals, Crocs and backless shoes may not be worn.**

**Boots may only be worn with pants and may not have pants tucked inside of the boots.**

**Jewelry:** Jewelry may be worn in moderation and good taste. No earrings, gauges, or body piercings are allowed. Visible tattoos are not allowed.

**Hair:** Hair must be neat and clean. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors are permitted (including mohawks). No ponytails are allowed. Hair length should be such that it does not cover the eyes nor completely cover the ears and should not exceed the bottom of the collar. Boys are expected to be neatly shaven. Beards and mustaches must be short & trimmed. Some athletic teams may require players to be clean shaven.

## **HOLY CROSS SPIRIT DAYS**

Spirit Days are given at the discretion of the administration. On these days, all students may wear a Holy Cross spirit shirt with their school uniform slacks or skirt. All shirts, except sweatshirts, must be tucked in at all times. The shirts must state "Holy Cross" or "Cougars". Jackets, windbreakers and shirts from team camps are not allowed. On Mondays of the school year, seniors are allowed to wear their senior sweatshirts/tee-shirts with their school uniform.

## **JEANS DAYS/DRESS DOWN DAYS**

Jeans of any color may be worn. No cut or torn jeans may be worn. Sweatpants or flannel pants in neat and clean condition are permitted. No yoga pants or spandex (form fitting) pants may be worn. Athletic/dress shoes and socks must be worn. A Holy Cross Spirit shirt must be worn on these days (see Spirit Day above). T-shirts do not have to be tucked in. Hats and caps may not be worn in the school building. These must be left in lockers.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

The dress code for formal events such as National Honor Society Induction, Awards Celebration, Ring Ceremony, etc. must be clean, neat and appropriate. Female students may not wear dresses with bra-like tops, plunging necklines, bare midriffs or lowered waistlines. Male students should dress appropriately. Collared shirts, dress slacks, sweaters, jackets, and ties are acceptable. Male students are not allowed to wear earrings. Visible tattoos are not allowed. All decisions regarding dress will be made by the administrator in charge and are final.