



Dress Code Policy 2023-24

A formal dress code policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees and put into effect for the 2004-2005 school year. The following items cover the requirements and specifications for this policy, including changes made for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lower and Middle School Dress Code

Tops

Shoulders and midriff must be covered at all times.

Collared Polo-style shirts: any solid color with no logos or embellishments. Additional tops include:

- Turtlenecks
- Oxford-style (button-down) shirts

Tuesday spirit day tops: students may wear official HBHA spirit wear, J camp, J dance, Bar and Bat Mitzvah sweatshirts, and camp wear.

Tuesday spirit day bottoms: athletic pants, sweatpants, joggers, and jeans are permitted. Yoga pants and leggings are not allowed.

Outerwear

Outerwear includes blazers, sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleece jackets. Outerwear must be solid black, white, or gray without graphics and logos smaller than the size of the fist. HBHA hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted every day.

Bottoms

Pants and shorts must be navy, black, or khaki, and must be Docker style. Joggers permitted. Skirts, skorts, or bibbed jumpers should be no shorter than halfway between hip and knee. No sweats, scrubs, or athletic wear may be worn. Leggings may not be worn with just a T-shirt but with skirts or dresses. Polo shirt dresses may be worn in the same colors as tops. Tights and leggings may be worn but only underneath a skirt or dress that meets length requirements (they may not be worn separately). Overalls are not allowed.

LS Shoes

Shoes must be closed toe and heel.

MS Shoes

Crocs permitted. Otherwise, closed toe and closed heel. No slides or flip-flops.

Undergarments

Undershirts must be solid white or the same solid color as the outer shirt. Writing or logos showing through the outer garment is not permissible. All undergarments must not be visible.

Hair/Jewelry/Nails/Face/Piercings**

Hair must be clean and not distracting to the learning process. Hair must be of natural hair color (no pink, green, blue, purple, blue, or rainbow allowed). Modest jewelry is acceptable. Fake nails are not permitted.

**Lower School students may not wear makeup to school. Only ears may be pierced.

Scouts

On Scout days, Boy and Girl Scouts may wear their Scout shirt or vest with dress code bottoms.

Kippot

Boys must wear kippot during the entire day and at all school-sponsored activities. No other head covering is allowed. Extra kippot should be sent to school and kept in a cubby, locker, or book bag. Kippot are available for purchase at the front office for students who forget or lose theirs during the day. Students will be provided 2 kippot at no charge and will be charged \$1.00 per kippah for any additional that are needed. If the child does not have \$1.00, the amount will be charged through FACTs.

Gym Days

Lower School students are not expected to change clothes for P.E. class, but they must wear tennis shoes.

Middle School students are expected to wear appropriate gym clothes for P.E. classes. Time will be allotted for students to change. Appropriate gym clothes include HBHA Athletic Department-issued shorts and shirts or athletic shorts and a t-shirt. Allowances will be made for religious needs. Non-HBHA clothing must be appropriate in style, including, but not limited to, full coverage of midriffs and no inappropriate graphics. Short shorts and spaghetti straps are not acceptable.

Upper School Dress Code**General Guidelines**

Upper School students are expected to be well-groomed and appropriately dressed when attending school and school-sponsored activities. Expectations are toward moderation and in the direction of business casual rather than sports or leisure wear. All clothing, including shoes, must be neat, clean, and in good condition. The spirit of the dress code is to achieve a neat, tailored look for all students while offering some freedom of choice at the Upper School level. The final decision on whether attire is inappropriate, offensive, or distracting rests with the administration.

Shirts/Tops

- Collared shirts of solid color and striped designs are acceptable. This may include short or long-sleeved oxford-style, button-down shirts, polo-style pullovers, collared shirts, rugby-style shirts, and turtlenecks. Small, fist-sized logos are acceptable, but words and large graphics are not acceptable. Collarless dress shirts, which are clearly not t-shirts, are acceptable. Plain T-shirts may be worn underneath a sweater, sweatshirt, collared shirt, or fleece but may not be worn on their own. HBHA spirit t-shirts, as well as Camp T-shirts, Youth Group Shirts/Sweatshirts, or other Jewish organization/experience Shirts/Sweatshirts, may be worn on Tuesdays.

- In keeping with *tzniut* (modesty in dress and behavior), the torso, shoulders, and midriff should be covered while standing. No sheer or see-through clothing is allowed by itself. No undergarments should be showing at any time.

Slacks/pants/skirts/dresses

- Blue and colored denim pants and skirts (jeans) are acceptable for all students, but they must not be ripped, torn, or in disrepair. Solid color joggers/athletic pants or sweatpants of solid color or striped legs would be acceptable for spirit days only, and only if a student is wearing HBHA spirit tops. Tight-fitting and low-rise bottoms are not acceptable, neither are yoga pants, leggings, or athletic shorts. Pants and shorts must be of either denim or khaki material.
- Skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (halfway between hip and knee). Girls are encouraged to wear bike shorts or tights under all skirts and dresses. Long blouses worn with leggings must meet dress/skirt length requirements. Leggings cannot be worn on their own.
- Shorts should be of the dress variety and long enough to extend to at least mid-thigh.

Sweaters/sweatshirts

- Dress sweaters and vests, either pullover or cardigan style, may be worn.
- Cotton and fleece jackets may be worn provided they are not part of athletic or leisurewear and have no wording/messages/imprints/pictures. Small logos are acceptable.
- HBHA sweatshirts may be worn at any time.
- On Fridays only, seniors may wear college sweatshirts or long-sleeved t-shirts.

Shoes/socks

- Footwear must be worn at all times and should be clean and in good repair. Sandals are acceptable.
- Slippers, sports sandals, pool shoes, and flip-flops are not permitted.
- No fishnet, mesh, or lace-like stockings.

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Hats or other head coverings are not allowed.

Hair

- Students may color their hair up to a maximum of two total colors. Hair must still be kept clean and neat regardless of color.

Gym Classes

- Students are required to wear appropriate gym clothes for P.E. classes, including HBHA Athletic Department-issued shorts and shirts or appropriately fitting athletic shorts and a t-shirt. Allowances will be made for religious needs.
- Gym clothing should follow the regular dress code with regard to graphics and colors. No short shorts are allowed. The length of the shorts must match the HBHA dress code.
- Time will be allotted for students to change.

Exceptions

- Certain days, such as spirit days, will be designated as non-dress code days for those involved. Students are expected to follow general guidelines, length/fit requirements, modesty, and shoe guidelines, although other apparel is designated as acceptable.
- Game days or performance days may be designated by the administration for special events. Only students involved in said events will be allowed to participate.
- Students on field trips are always expected to follow dress code guidelines and are encouraged to dress appropriately for the event.
- Outdoor, active field trips are an exception to the regular dress code, and acceptable dress guidelines will be provided by teachers or administrators.

Discipline

The administration reserves the right to interpret and apply the dress code policies. Enforcement of dress code violations follows the HBHA Discipline System. Students must be within dress code guidelines to be admitted to class. Questions regarding the dress code can be directed to the Principal.