

Holy Family Catholic School

2011-12 Uniform Policy

I. Introduction

It is the policy of Holy Family Catholic School (HFCS) that its students wear uniforms. HFCS has had a strict uniform policy in place since its inception. The intent is not to suppress individuality, but to allow individuality to be expressed in more meaningful and dignified ways for the collective benefit of the students and the school as a whole. Students in uniform send the message that they are focused on learning and proud to be participating in a distinctive academic experience with others who share the same goals and objectives. The school's uniform policy also helps promote good personal hygiene and a healthy attitude toward Christian modesty for boys and girls alike.

In summary, the HFCS Uniform Policy serves three main purposes, among others:

1. Promotes a sense of equity, helping unite students and families in achieving common goals.
2. Makes purchase, upkeep, and management of school attire simple and economical for all families.
3. Displays HFCS community pride to our community and our peers.

It is first and foremost the responsibility of the parent(s) to ensure that their students are in compliance with the HFCS Uniform Policy throughout the school year. *Please read carefully (and ask questions) before making a purchase for which you may be uncertain.*

There are two main components of the HFCS uniform. They are defined as follows:

(1) Dress Uniform

The **Dress Uniform** is **required** for every student body on Mass day.

Please Note:

- Students may choose to wear the **Dress Uniform** (or any part thereof) in combination with or instead of the Casual Uniform on any regular school day.
- The **Dress Uniform** may also be required for certain school events. Any changes in **Dress Uniform** days (addition or deletion) will be communicated in advance.
- All students are required to own a **uniform sweater**.
- **Proper Mass Attire:** School sweaters are to be worn throughout the entire school year during the Holy Mass. Every item of the dress uniform must be present (i.e., dress shirt tucked in, ties on, PE shoes, or dress shoes, etc.). Students are expected to wear their dress uniform for the entire school day. Students may remove their sweaters after Mass dismissal.

Purchasing Sources:

The Dennis Dress Uniform must be purchased from the **Spokane Uniform House** (Spokane, WA) or **Required Attire** (Post Falls). **Required Attire** does not carry the plaid jumper or skirt. **Affordable Angel Rethreads** (Home School Association) is another good option to purchase gently used uniform items.

To order online from Dennis Uniform, please click on the following link:

<http://www.dennisuniform.com/onlstore/ShowSchoolCatalog.asp?sc=zsh026>.

To order from Required Attire click on this link: **www.reqdattire.com**.

(2) Casual Uniform

The **Casual Uniform** may be worn on all days **except** designated Dress Uniform days.

Purchasing Sources:

Casual Uniform components may be purchased at vendors of your choice **as long as the components are identical to and/or indistinguishable from the same components available at the Spokane Uniform House or Required Attire. Casual Uniform items may also be purchased from **Affordable Angel Rethreads**.**

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II. Uniform Descriptions

The following chart details by grade the individual uniform items required for compliance with the HFCS Uniform Policy. Anything not specifically listed in this section is considered deliberately excluded.

Dress Uniform	PreK - 5th	PreK - 5th	6th - 8th	6th - 8th
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
Spk Unifrm Hse=Spokane Uniform House Req. Attire=Required Attire				
Spk Unifrm Hse ONLY Columbia Plaid Jumper (8)*	yes	n/a	no	n/a
Bicycle Shorts (7)*	yes	n/a	no	n/a

Dress Uniform	PreK-5 th	PreK-5	6 th -8 th	6 th -8 th
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
Spk Unifrm Hse Only Columbia Plaid Skirt (8)*	no	n/a	yes	n/a
Navy Twill Slacks	no	yes	no	yes
Peter Pan Collar Blouse	yes	n/a	no	n/a
Oxford Shirt/Blouse	no	yes	yes	yes
Spk Unifrm Hse or Req. Attire Navy Cardigan Sweater	yes	yes	no	no
Spk Unifrm Hse or Req. Attire Navy V-neck Pullover Sweater	no	no	yes	yes
Spk Unifrm Hse or Req. Attire Navy Clip-on Tie	no	yes	no	no
HFCS Striped Tie (@ HFCS only)	no	no	no	yes
Plain Black or Navy Belt	no	optional	no	yes
Socks/Tights (4)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
Shoes (2)*	yes	yes	yes	yes

Casual Uniform	PreK-5 th	PreK-5 th	6 th -8 th	6 th -8 th
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
Navy Slacks (6)* or Navy Walking Shorts (3)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
Khaki Slacks (6)* or Khaki Walking Shorts (3)*	no	no	yes	yes
Spk Unifrm Hse or Required Attire Skort (8)* (PreK-8 Navy & 6-8 Khaki)	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
(Angel Rethreads) HFCS Navy Crew Sweatshirt (1)-retired but used is okay	yes	yes	yes	yes
(Angel Rethreads) HFCS Fleece Vest (1)- retired but used is okay	yes	yes	Yes	yes
Spk Unifrm Hse ONLY ¼ Zip Navy Sweatshirt (1)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
White/Blue/Green/Light Blue Polos (5)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
White Turtleneck (5)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
Socks (4)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
Shoes (2)*	yes	yes	yes	yes
Plain Black or Navy Belt	optional	optional	optional	optional

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NOTE: All students (Pre-K through 8th grade) are to have an extra pair of non-marking soled tennis shoes on hand that will be kept at the school.

Important Clarifications: *The number in () in the chart above corresponds to the numbered items below!

(1) **HFCS logo'd navy crew sweatshirts and fleece vests** have been discontinued, but can still be purchased through Angel Rethreads. The navy ¼ zip sweatshirt with official HFCS logo is available through Spokane Uniform House only. Only an HFCS logo sweatshirt or vest is allowed as an over-garment in the classroom. Approved HFCS sweatshirts or vests may not be undersized or oversized and must fit to approximately hip length.

(2) **Shoes: All shoes must be non-marking.** Heels must be no higher than 1.5 inches including the sole; no platform shoes; no wheels. Shoes must cover entire foot with no exposed toes, sides, or heels (no crocks, clogs, or flip-flops). All shoes must be laced, tied, zipped, buckled and secured snugly to the feet at all times. Oversized shoes will not be tolerated. Solid and plain colors are preferred. **Shoes must be predominately navy, white, black, gray, brown or tan. Shoe laces must be one color selected from the predominant color list above.** No accents such as lights, sequins, checkerboard patterns or character logos. Any boot-like shoes, are not permitted. Seasonal snow boots are allowed for outside activities, but are not to be worn in the classroom.

(3) **Shorts/Skortis:** Shorts must be long enough to reach the student's extended fingertips when standing or 6.0 inches above the floor when kneeling, whichever is longer, but not to extend in length below the top of the kneecap. No cargo, oversize, baggy, tight-fitting, hip-huggers, knit, rivets, extra zippers, sewn on or extra pockets, overly faded, alterations or modifications such as but not limited to slits, holes, embroidery or decorative patches.

(4) **Socks/Tights:** Must be plain navy blue, white, or black and worn at all times. Socks must be visible above the top of the shoes at all times. **A heavy, solid-colored (navy blue, white, or black) tights must cover the foot fully and/or socks must be worn so no skin is showing. Socks must match the color of the tights.**

(5) **Shirts:** White polos and turtlenecks must be solid white including collar and sleeves. White polos must be plain 2 or 3 button styles. **Royal blue, hunter green, and light blue polos must have the official HFCS Logo and must be purchased through Spokane Uniform House or Required Attire.** The only approved logo is the official HFCS logo. No prints, characters, logos, embroidery or markings of any kind are allowed. No cap sleeves or sleeveless. Approved shirts must be worn with collar visible at all times including under the approved HFCS sweatshirts and HFCS vest. Shirts that extend below the side pockets must be tucked in. No mock turtlenecks. No layering of short-sleeved shirts over long-sleeved shirts.

(6) **Slacks:** No bellbottoms, capris, cargo, oversize, baggy, tight fitting, hip-huggers, knit, rivets, extra zippers, sewn on or extra pockets, overly faded, modifications such as but not limited to slits, holes, embroidery or decorative patches. Slack length must be long enough to reach the shoe, but not drag on the ground. PreK through 2nd grade may wear elastic waist twill navy pants or shorts.

(7) **Bicycle style shorts:** Required under jumper/skirt for PreK-8th grade girls for modesty purposes.

(8) **Jumper or Skirt:** No shorter than the top of the kneecap. Jumper/skirt must be Dennis brand only and can only be purchased at Spokane Uniform House. The Columbia plaid jumper with the bib removed can be used for the middle school skirt requirement.

III. Common Rules (K-8)

- Official scout uniforms may be worn on days designated by the pack or troop.
- Clothing should be clean, properly hemmed, and free of holes or rips.
- Hats, caps, including Scout caps, bandannas and scarves are not to be worn inside any buildings.
- No exposed undergarments. For modesty purposes, girls are required to wear bicycle style shorts.
- Body piercing and tattoos are unacceptable.
- Jewelry: small, simple religious medals, pins, bracelets, or necklaces. One simple ring is allowed, but not to excess. **Note:** Bracelets and rings will not be allowed during interactive sports activities (e.g. soccer, basketball, baseball etc.) Students are responsible for any loss of these items.
- Girls may wear one pair of small stud earrings for pierced ears (ear piercing is approved for girls only).
- Hair should be clean, combed and kept out of the eyes and face. Boys' hair length can be no longer than the bottom of the collar. **Extreme hairstyles, including excessive beads, are not permitted for boys or girls.** No dying or bleaching of hair is allowed. No false hair pieces allowed. Parents may be called to pick up child, and child will not be permitted to return to school until hair is compliant with the uniform policy.
- Makeup is not allowed.
- ONLY clear finger nail polish is permitted for girls.

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IV. Enforcement

It is first and foremost the responsibility of the parent(s) to ensure their student(s) are in compliance with the HFCS Uniform Policy on a daily basis throughout the school year. Parental authority, example, and support are always greatly appreciated by the staff.

Hair: Once parent is notified that hair length is out of compliance, they will have until the following Monday to correct the infraction. A recheck will be performed that Monday morning. If compliance is not met, the parent will be called to come and pick up their child and not return until compliance is met.

Note: *If a student is determined to be out of uniform, at the discretion of the school administration, the student may be required to remain in the office until compliance with the uniform policy is accomplished.*

V. Free Dress Days

Free Dress Days are scheduled for the school year and appear on the school calendar or as is determined by the principal. Free Dress is governed by the following guidelines:

- Clothing must be in good condition, modest and appropriate for school.
- Skirts, dresses, shorts and skorts must be no shorter in length than the Casual Uniform counterpart.
- Shoes must be closed toe, secured to the feet, have no wheels, and be no higher than 1.5 inches. (No flip flops. Boots are allowed on FREE DRESS day ONLY.)
- Leggings or Lycra stretch pants are permitted if worn with appropriate length skirt or dress.
- Tank tops, low necklines, and crop tops are not acceptable.
- Offensive symbols or logos including, but not limited to war, violence, rock groups, tobacco, alcohol, or monsters are not acceptable.
- Excessive chains, buckles and similar items are not acceptable.
- "Too Cool for School Wear" may be worn on FREE DRESS day ONLY
- Shoes must be closed toe, secured to the feet, have no wheels, and be no higher than 1.5 inches. (No flip flops. Boots are allowed on FREE DRESS day ONLY.)
- Socks do not need to be worn on FREE DRESS day ONLY.
- Colored nail polish is allowed on FREE DRESS day ONLY.
- Make-up is not acceptable.

VI. Spirit Day Dress

- Spirit T-shirt, Spirit sweatshirt or HFCS Polo Shirt
- Any uniform bottoms-pants, shorts, skort or long **blue** jeans. (**No black** or other colored jeans/khakis, shorts, or Capri's)

VII. Gym Wear Dress

- Gym shorts must be long blue or black shorts
- **HFCS gray gym shirt- purchased through Required Attire, \$7, grades 6th-8th.**
- Socks: Navy, white, or black
- Non-marking soled tennis shoes other than casual and dress uniform shoes.
- Sweatpants and sweatshirts may be worn in cold weather