



## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

A survey of principals conducted in May 2000 by the National Association of Elementary School Principals indicates that requiring students to wear uniforms has a positive effect on the following areas of school climate: classroom discipline, student safety, school spirit, and peer pressure. Therefore, wearing the required uniform properly each school day is considered an important responsibility for every student at Holy Spirit Episcopal School. *Parents are responsible for sending their children to school in correct dress and well-groomed, and are asked and expected to support HSES in teaching students to respect the school dress codes.*

Official and optional uniforms should be purchased at Parker School Uniforms, 12524 Memorial Dr., 713-465-1635. Please note: Parker Uniform is closed Sundays and Mondays.

### **General Uniform Requirements**

**Official uniforms** must be worn for:

- scheduled chapels
- field trips
- special ceremonies and performances

**Informal or official uniforms** may be worn on all other days.

### **Spirit Day Uniform**

Students may wear any HSES t-shirt (e.g., spirit, field day, ECO-Link shirt, etc.) with uniform pants, shorts, or skirts. A belt must be worn with pants or shorts.

### **Casual Dress**

Occasionally there will be casual dress days when students may wear non-uniform clothes, providing these are in good taste. Students may wear shirts, blouses, walking shorts (no shorter than halfway down the thigh), long pants, dresses or skirts (two inches above the top of the kneecap or lower). No “muscle shirts”, spaghetti straps, halter-tops, low-cut necklines, or short crop-tops may be worn. Neither abdomen nor underwear may show. Shirts with writing must be in good taste with no obscenities, violence, drugs or alcohol portrayed.

### **Early Childhood and Lower School**

**General guidelines** include the following:

- **Each item of clothing is marked with the student’s name.**
- Students wear the school uniform properly throughout the school day.
- Girls must wear the tie when wearing middie or overblouse.
- Boys’ shirts, polo or official uniform shirts are tucked in at all times, except during health and fitness or recess.
- Belts are worn with shorts and pants, except those with elastic waists.
- The front and back of skirts and jumpers are no shorter than two inches above the top of the kneecap.
- Official skirt or jumper may only be worn with appropriate official uniform blouse. Modesty shorts should be worn underneath skirts and jumpers.
- Shoelaces are kept tied.
- White socks should cover a minimum of **2” above** the top of the ankle bone.
- **Athletic shoes may be white, red, gray, or black with shoelaces of the same color. No slip-on athletic shoes are allowed due to safety concerns.**
- On cold, official uniform days, only the LS sweater or school fleece jacket may be worn to chapel to keep warm.
- On cold field trip days the official uniform must be worn. The teacher will determine if the LS sweater or school fleece will be worn.
- On cold, informal uniform days, only Holy Spirit Episcopal School sweaters, school fleece jackets or Saints sweatshirts/jackets may be worn in the classroom with the uniform to keep warm.
- Commercial logos and monograms are allowed on athletic shoes only.
- Scouts may wear Scout uniforms on official meeting days.
- For safety reasons, girls may wear only small earrings with no drops, loops, etc.

- Girls may wear modest-size bows in uniform colors.

### **Official Dress—EC and LS Girls**

<b>Clothing Type</b>	<b>3 years – 4 years</b>	<b>Kind.–Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>
<i>Tops</i>	White middie	White middie	White overblouse with black monogram
<i>Ties</i>	Red	Red	Red
<i>Bottoms (Length—2 in. above kneecap or lower)</i>	Glen plaid jumper	Glen plaid jumper	Glen plaid skirt
<i>Socks</i>	White crew socks (2" above the ankle) or tights (cold weather)	White crew socks (2" above the ankle), knee socks , or tights (cold weather)	White crew socks (2" above the ankle), knee socks , or tights (cold weather)
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)
<i>Other</i>	Red or white shorts worn under jumper for HF	Red or white shorts worn under jumper for HF	Red or white shorts worn under skirt for HF

### **Official Dress—EC and LS Boys**

<b>Clothing Type</b>	<b>3 years–4 years</b>	<b>Kind.–Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>
<i>Tops</i>	Red and white striped oxford button-down (short or long sleeve) with black monogram	Red and white striped oxford button-down (short or long sleeve) with black monogram	Red and white striped oxford button-down (short or long sleeve) with black monogram
<i>Ties</i>	None	None	None
<i>Bottoms</i>	Gray pants or shorts with elastic waist	Gray pants or shorts	Gray pants or shorts
<i>Belt</i>	Black leather (plain or braided)	Black leather (plain or braided)	Black leather (plain or braided)
<i>Socks</i>	White crew socks (2" above the ankle) (no stripes)	White crew socks (2" above the ankle) (no stripes)	White crew socks (2" above the ankle) (no stripes)
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)

### **Informal Dress—EC and LS Girls**

<b>Clothing Type</b>	<b>3 years – 4 years</b>	<b>Kind.–Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>
<i>Tops</i>	Monogrammed red or white polo (long or short sleeve), red or white turtleneck	Monogrammed red or white polo (long or short sleeve), red or white turtleneck	Monogrammed red or white polo (long or short sleeve), red or white turtleneck
<i>Ties</i>	None	None	None
<i>Bottoms (Length—2 inches above kneecap or lower)</i>	glen plaid or culottes	glen plaid or culottes	glen plaid or culottes
<i>Socks</i>	White crew socks (2" above the ankle), knee socks, or tights (cold weather)	White crew socks (2" above the ankle), knee socks, or tights (cold weather)	White crew socks (2" above the ankle) , knee socks, or tights (cold weather)
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)
<i>Outerwear</i>	Red sweater with school emblem, red sweater vest, red Holy Spirit fleece with black monogram	Red sweater with school emblem, red sweater vest, red Holy Spirit fleece with black monogram	Red sweater with school emblem, red sweater vest, red Holy Spirit fleece with black monogram
<i>Other</i>			Red or white shorts worn under skirt for HF
<i>Bottoms</i>	Gray pants	Gray pants	Gray pants

### **Informal Dress—EC and LS Boys**

<b>Clothing Type</b>	<b>3 years – 4 years</b>	<b>Kind.–Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3 &amp; 4</b>
<i>Tops</i>	Monogrammed red or white polo (long or short sleeve), red or white turtleneck	Monogrammed red or white polo (long or short sleeve), red or white turtleneck	Monogrammed red or white polo (long or short sleeve), red or white turtleneck

<i>Ties</i>	None	None	None
<i>Bottoms</i>	Gray pants or shorts	Gray pants or shorts	Gray pants or shorts
<i>Belt</i>	Black leather (plain or braided)	Black leather (plain or braided)	Black leather (plain or braided)
<i>Socks</i>	White crew sock (2" above the ankle)s, no stripes	White crew socks (2" above the ankle), no stripes	White crew sock (2" above the ankle)s, no stripes
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)	Athletic (no slip on)
<i>Outerwear</i>	Red sweater with school emblem, red sweater vest, red Holy Spirit fleece with black monogram	Red sweater with school emblem, red sweater vest, red Holy Spirit fleece with black monogram	Red sweater with school emblem, red sweater vest, red Holy Spirit fleece with black monogram

## ***Middle School***

**General guidelines** include the following:

- ***Each item of clothing*** is marked with the ***student's name***.
- Students wear the school uniform properly throughout the school day, including arrival and dismissal times.
- Young men's official shirts are tucked in at all times.
- All buttons are buttoned on the young men's official shirts, including top and collar buttons, on the way to, during, and after chapel, field trip, special performance or ceremony. The top button may be unbuttoned when entering the MS building afterward.
- Ties are worn at the top of the official shirt under the collar. Ties may be slightly loosened when entering the MS building after chapel, field trip, or special performance.
- Students may wear their polo shirts untucked.
- Students may wear white undershirts, with no letters or graphics, under their shirts, if desired.
- Undershirts and turtleneck shirts worn under uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Belts are worn with shorts and pants, except when wearing the polo shirt untucked.
- The front and back of skirts are no shorter than two inches above the top of the kneecap.
- Dress shoes are kept neat and polished.
- Shoelaces are kept tied.
- Clean health and fitness (H&F) uniforms are worn every day during fitness class.
- H&F uniforms may not be worn under official or informal uniforms.
- Any appropriate jacket or coat may be worn to or from school, or outside during snack break, but not in the building.
- On ***cold, official uniform days, only the MS blazer*** may be worn in the building to keep warm.
- On ***cold, official uniform field trip days, the MS blazer must be worn***. The teacher will determine if the HSES fleece or letter jacket may be worn over the blazer.
- On ***cold, informal uniform days, the MS blazer, HSES fleece or letter jacket, or Saints sweatshirts/jackets*** may be worn in the building to keep warm.
- Young women may wear modest-size bows in uniform colors.
- Young women may wear white, red, or black "modesty shorts" under their skirts. These are similar to the short shorts worn under the skirts of cheerleaders. These are short enough not to be seen unless a student is sitting in an immodest position or her skirt is accidentally flipped up.
- For safety reasons, ***young women*** may wear only ***small earrings*** that ***do not go below the ear lobe*** and ***have no loops or other openings*** that could be caught on something and jerked out of the ear.
- ***Young men do not wear earrings***.
- If students choose to color their hair, the color must be a natural color; i.e., purple and other such colors are distracting, disrupt the learning environment, and are not allowed.
- Scouts may wear Scout uniforms on official meeting days.

### **Official Dress—Young Men**

<i>Shirt</i>	Parker monogrammed white oxford button-down shirt (short or long sleeve)
<i>Tie</i>	Parker red tie (regular type only—no clip or elastic)
<i>Vest</i>	Parker red sweater vest (optional)
<i>Pants</i>	Parker Khaki pants
<i>Belt</i>	Black leather belt—plain or braided
<i>Blazer</i>	Parker black blazer with school emblem (worn November 1 – March 31)
<i>Socks</i>	Black dress socks
<i>Shoes</i>	Black leather or mock-leather <i>dress</i> shoes, heels 2 inches or less, slip-on or tie; <b><i>black athletic or informal shoes not permitted</i></b>

### **Informal Dress—Young Men**

<i>Shirt</i>	Parker monogrammed red or white polo shirt—short or long sleeve; red, white, or black turtleneck shirt may be worn (tucked in) under polo shirt for warmth
<i>Pants</i>	Parker Khaki pants or walking shorts
<i>Belt</i>	Black leather belt—plain or braided—worn if shirt is tucked in
<i>Socks</i>	White socks at or above shoe line
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic shoes—tied, <b><i>no slip-ons</i></b>
<i>Outerwear</i>	Parker HSES fleece jacket, HSES letter or Saints’ jacket or sweatshirt may be worn over uniform in building when needed for warmth

### **Official Dress—Young Women**

<i>Blouse</i>	Parker monogrammed slightly fitted overblouse
<i>Tie</i>	Parker red tie for overblouse
<i>Vest</i>	Parker red sweater vest (optional)
<i>Skirt</i>	Parker glen plaid skirt
<i>Blazer</i>	Parker black blazer with school emblem (worn November 1 – March 31)
<i>Socks</i>	White or black knee socks; white or black opaque stockings
<i>Shoes</i>	Black leather or mock-leather <i>dress</i> shoes, heels 2 inches or less, slip-on or tie; <b><i>black athletic or informal shoes not permitted</i></b>

### **Informal Dress—Young Women**

<i>Shirt</i>	Parker monogrammed red or white polo shirt—short or long sleeve; red, white, or black turtleneck shirt may be worn (tucked in) under polo shirt for warmth
<i>Skirt/Pants</i>	Parker Khaki skirt, pants or walking shorts; glen plaid
<i>Belt</i>	Black leather belt—plain or braided—worn if shirt is tucked in
<i>Socks</i>	White socks at or above shoe line
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic shoes—tied, <b><i>no slip-ons</i></b>
<i>Outerwear</i>	Parker HSES fleece jacket, HSES letter or Saints’ jacket or sweatshirt may be worn over uniform in class when needed for warmth

### **Heath and Fitness—Young Men and Women**

<i>Shirt</i>	Parker gray HSES athletic shirt
<i>Shorts</i>	Parker red mesh HSES shorts with logo
<i>Socks</i>	White socks at or above shoe line
<i>Shoes</i>	Athletic shoes—tied, <b><i>no slip-ons</i></b>

## **Dance Attire**

Students attending 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dances may wear non-uniform clothes, providing these are in good taste. Students may wear shirts, blouses, walking shorts (no shorter than halfway down the thigh), Capri pants, long pants, and dresses or skirts (two inches above the top of the kneecap or lower). No “muscle shirts”, low-cut necklines, or short crop-tops may be worn. Neither abdomen nor underwear may show. Shirts with writing must be in good taste with no obscenities, violence, drugs or alcohol portrayed. Occasionally a theme for a dance may alter these guidelines slightly. Shoes should enable student to dance safely since shoes must be worn at all times.