



# Uniform Policy

Hill Country Montessori School

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The HCMS Uniform Policy regulates student dress so that respect for oneself and pride in our community is shown. The Uniform Policy has been determined based on preserving students' safety and health, understanding appropriate dress in preparation for life situations, and presenting a positive image.

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## **HCMS Uniform Guidelines**

All students are expected to be in uniform. All clothes should be neat, clean, and in good repair.

### ***Toddler Level***

Toddler students are exempt from the color and logo requirements of the uniform policy. Toddler students should dress simply and suitably. Closed-toed, rubber soled shoes without lights or noise making accessories are acceptable (flip-flops, sandals, high-heels, crocs, or open-toed shoes are allowed).

### ***Primary, Elementary, and Middle School Level***

#### **Tops**

- Acceptable Colors: Navy, light gray or white with the school logo on upper left corner
- Acceptable Styles: Polo, button down oxford-style, or crew neck shirts/blouses with the school logo.
- Preprinted HCMS shirt (i.e. track/cross country, "owl", or other HCMS spirit shirt).
- Navy blue or white long-sleeved shirts may be worn under regular uniform shirts during cold weather.
- Conditions: No sleeveless shirts allowed; Shirts with ruffles or pockets are acceptable.

#### **Bottoms**

- Acceptable Colors: Navy, khaki or denim/jeans
- Acceptable Styles: Pants, capris, shorts, skirts/skortts
- Conditions: Shorts/Skirts/Skortts should be no higher than 2" above the knee; no ripped, faded or acid-washed denim; no low riders; no dragging jeans; no sequins, appliqués, decoration, etc.
- Leggings may only be worn under dresses or skirts.

#### **Dresses**

- Navy, khaki or light gray dresses with school logo
- Navy, khaki or light gray jumpers with school logo with white or navy undershirt
- When wearing a skirt, dress or jumper, shorts or bloomers must be worn underneath.

#### **Socks/Tights**

- Socks may be any color
- Girls may wear navy blue or white tights or leggings underneath their skirt, dress, or jumper. Tights and leggings must be one solid color.

#### **Shoes**

- Must be closed-toed and rubber soled (no flip-flops, sandals, high-heels, crocs, or open-toed shoes are allowed).
- Must be without lights, noise making accessories or wheels.
- Any brand, material, or style of shoe is acceptable as long as it meets the above criteria.

#### **Outerwear**

- Navy blue, light gray or white fleece jackets, sweaters, sweater vests, or sweat shirts with the school logo may be worn in the classroom.
- Students may wear jackets or coats of their choice (color and style) outside the classroom without a school logo. Upon entering class, the jackets must be stored in the cubbies or hung on the hall pegs.

### Accessories

- Hats or ball caps are not allowed to be worn in the classroom.
- A black or brown belt is to be worn when shirts are tucked in if shorts/trousers have belt loops.
- Makeup may not be worn at school. Hair should be a natural color. Jewelry should be minimal; earrings must be small or of a “stud” style (long, dangling earrings or large hoops are not allowed for safety reasons). Jewelry that causes a distraction will be held until the end of the day for parents to pick up from the teacher.

### Field Trips

- On field trips, students must wear the HCMS Field Trip T-shirt, which will be provided by the school free of charge, with acceptable uniform bottoms.

**NOTE: STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IN UNIFORM ON FIELD TRIP DAYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**

### Physical Education (P.E.)/Athletics

During P.E. and Athletics (Cross Country/Track practice), students may wear the following:

#### Tops

- Preprinted HCMS shirt (i.e. track/cross country, “owl”, or other HCMS spirit shirt)
- Basic crew shirt in navy, light gray or white with or without the school logo

#### Bottoms

- Athletic shorts that are mid-thigh or longer
- Girls may wear leggings under athletic shorts during cooler weather.

#### Shoes

- Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes for P.E./Athletics.

### Free Dress

Students are allowed “FREE DRESS” on special occasions which occur at different times during the school year. Students are free to wear casual street clothing of their choice, provided that clothing is weather-appropriate, clean, comfortable, and in good taste, and must not hinder students’ participation in any activity.

### How to Purchase

To make purchasing uniforms as affordable and convenient as possible, while offering access to comfortable, durable, excellent quality clothing, HCMS has secured an account with Lands’ End. **HCMS will receive a small percentage of any uniform purchases made through Lands’ End.**

Uniform clothing may also be purchased wherever parents wish as long as they meet guidelines. Shirt logos may be embroidered at *Loaded Threads INK & STITCH CO.* or *CuStumm Design & Tees* when purchasing locally.

#### Lands’ End

Phone: 1-800-469-2222  
[www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school)  
School Code: 900117144

#### Loaded Threads INK & STITCH CO.

111 Parkway  
Boerne, TX 78006  
Phone: 830-249-1540  
[www.loadedthreads.com](http://www.loadedthreads.com)

#### CuStumm Design & Tees

32800 IH-10 West, Suite A  
Boerne, TX 78006  
830-816-3444  
[www.custumm.com](http://www.custumm.com)

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**HCMS administration reserves the right to determine appropriate interpretations for dress code issues that may arise throughout the year.**

**HCMS Head of School may modify the dress code throughout the year, as needed.**