

DRESS CODE

PURPOSE AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

As Christians, it is our desire for students to please the Lord and be a good witness to others in both appearance and behavior. We believe there is a definite relationship between good dress habits, good work habits and proper school behavior. We require students to dress **MODESTLY** and attractively without drawing undue attention to themselves. Students should avoid extreme or questionable fads and fashions. We believe that proper student dress in association with continual effort for good attitude and behavior are important elements of our wholesome Christian learning environment. We reserve the right to determine that which "attracts undue or excessive attention to the wearer . . ." and is therefore, unacceptable.

ALL STUDENTS

Picture or slogan shirts, blouses, etc., which show or speak of activities not in line with Christian principles are not permitted. The dress code applies to all student activities (i.e. field trips, sporting events, school plays, graduation, banquets, etc.) on and off campus.

No clothing, articles of clothing, jewelry or accessories related to a secular group or gang will be permitted on campus or at any school activity.

All clothes must fit properly. They should not be too tight or too baggy.

Special Note to Parents - Please read the dress code carefully, and then encourage and guide your student(s) to wear acceptable dress at school. We appreciate your cooperation in this area. Parents of students in violation of the code will be notified and requested to bring appropriate attire on the day of the violation, if there is not some other acceptable clothing to be worn.

GIRLS

- 1) Girls should be neatly dressed at school.
- 2) Tight-fitting clothing is not acceptable.
- 3) Short tops, which expose any part of the midriff skin, are not permitted. No undergarments are permitted to show through the outerwear.
- 4) Halter/off-the-shoulder tops and dresses are not permitted.
- 5) Tops or dresses with shoulder straps less than 2 inches will need a shirt underneath or jacket or sweater (no sheer) worn at all times over them as a part of the outfit.
- 6) Dresses or skirts should not be shorter than 5 inches from the top of the knee. (This includes sitting.)

- 7) The bodices of dresses, blouses and tops must be worn in a modest fashion. Cleavage cannot show when sitting down or bending over. Administration reserves the right to determine if the bodices of dresses, blouses and tops are modest.
- 8) Plain white t-shirts (undershirts) must be considered "underwear" and should be worn as undergarments only. They are not acceptable for outer garment wear. T-shirts intended for outer garment wear should have a pocket, or a printed picture or slogan, and the picture or slogan must not show or speak of activities which are not in line with Christian principles.
- 9) Jeans that are bought faded (stone washed) are acceptable. No HOLES or CUTS.
- 10) Blouses and tops must overlap the waistband of pants and skirts enough to allow for no midriff to show.
- 11) Shorts cannot be shorter than 5" above the top of the knee. Tight-fitting shorts are not acceptable.
- 12) Leggings are acceptable only when the top that is worn meets the 5" rule.
- 13) Pants, skirts, or shorts with writing across the back pockets or "seat" are not allowed.
- 14) Girls should wear their hairstyles in a clean, neat and attractive manner. Hair should be a natural color. Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.
- 15) Jewelry can be worn in moderation. Safety pins in the ears are not acceptable.
- 16) Body piercing is not allowed, except on the ears.
- 17) No tattoos.
- 19) No gothic or grunge clothing.
- 20) Clothing which displays words with suggestive double-meanings is not allowed.

BOYS

- 1) Boys should be neatly dressed at school.
- 2) Boys must wear jeans, pants or shorts of appropriate size, not too baggy or too tight. Faded, frayed, excessively worn, and/or dirty clothing is not acceptable. Jeans that are bought faded (stone washed) are acceptable. NO HOLES or CUTS. All pants must be worn at the waist line.
- 3) Pants or shorts with writing across the back pockets or "seat" are not allowed.
- 4) Plain white t-shirts (undershirts) must be considered "underwear" and should be worn as undergarments only. They are not acceptable for outer garment wear. T-shirts intended for outer garment wear should either have a pocket, or a printed picture or slogan, and the picture or slogan must not show or speak of activities which are not in line with Christian principles.

- 5) Boys' undershirts should be tucked in.
- 6) Tank tops are not permitted.
- 7) Any type of body piercing is not permitted.
- 8) No choke chains, wallet chains, dog collars. No studs or spikes may be worn on belts or accessories.
- 9) Hair should be a natural color, clean, and neatly combed (not in eyes, etc.). Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.
- 10) Hats are permitted except in classrooms and Chapel. Bandanas are not allowed.
- 11) Safety pins should not be used as decorations or in excess on one's clothing.
- 12) Boys may not wear nail polish.
- 13) No tattoos.
- 14) No facial hair.
- 16) No sleeveless shirts.
- 17) No gothic or grunge clothing.

This dress code is not all inclusive. Any situation not specifically covered herein will be resolved by the administration in accordance with the general intent and purpose of the code. With changing styles, the administration reserves the right to add inappropriate clothing to this list at any time.