

The guiding principles of the school dress policy include the biblical concept of modesty and the goal of maintaining an academic and Christ-like atmosphere.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

The following are NOT permitted in the regular dress code:

- Clothing which is ill-fitting, sagging, too tight, too short, frayed, tattered, or has holes
- Tops which are sheer, low cut, form-fitting
- Undershirts, tank tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or sleeveless tops with oversized arm holes
- Clothing with words, pictures or advertisements that could cause others to stumble (allusions to drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, violence, skulls, sexually suggestive material, secular rock music, non-Christian religious symbolism, etc.)
- Pants or shorts with writing across the seat
- Loungewear, pajamas
- Body piercing - excluding ears for girls
- Tattoos
- Hats, bandanas, kerchiefs, head scarves
- Sunglasses
- Unnaturally dyed hair (painted, dipped, tipped, two-toned, etc.)
- For holidays, we strive to keep the focus on Christ. Students are not to wear images of Santa Claus, reindeer, the Easter Bunny, etc. Also, please avoid the spooky images that come with Halloween.

**YOUNG MEN**

**Shirts:** Shirts, sweaters, button downs, t-shirts, or sweatshirts are acceptable and should be of a style befitting the Christian classroom environment.

**Pants:** Cotton, knit, corduroy, or denim pants or shorts are acceptable. Athletic pants and shorts are permitted, provided they are in good condition. Shorts must have at least a 4" inseam. Underwear must not be visible.

**Hair:** Hair must be neat and clean, off the collar and out of the eyes. Ponytails are not permitted.

**Accessories:** Jewelry should be moderate and not draw undue attention. Young men may not wear makeup.

**YOUNG LADIES**

**Dresses, skirts, skorts:** Dresses and skirts worn with socks, stockings, or tights must reach the top of the knee. Girls may wear leggings with skirts and dresses that do not come to the knee, but are fingertip length. Dresses that have spaghetti straps may be worn only with a shirt underneath or a blouse, jacket, or sweater over the top.

**Pants, shorts:** Cotton, knit, corduroy, or denim pants, capris, or shorts are acceptable. Athletic pants and shorts are permitted, provided they are in good condition. Shorts must be fingertip length or have a 4-inch inseam, whichever is longer. When leggings or yoga pants are worn, the top must be at least fingertip length all the way around. Undergarments are not to be visible.

**Blouses/tops:** Tops, blouses, sweaters, t-shirts, and sweatshirts are acceptable and should be of a style befitting the Christian school classroom environment. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff and stay that way even when bending over. Crop tops (or those stopping at or above the waist) may be worn only with a tucked in

undergarment. Cleavage, bra straps, and undergarments must not be visible. Blouses with spaghetti straps are not permitted. Split (cold shoulder) sleeves are permitted, as long as they are appropriately modest.

**Accessories:** Jewelry and makeup should accent rather than dominate the appearance and should be worn in moderation. Body piercing (other than ears) is not permitted.

**Hair:** Hair must be neat, clean and of a natural color.

## **SHOES**

Shoes must have a closed toe and a strap on the back. Slippers, flip-flops, beach shoes, and shoes with wheels are not permitted. Girls may wear dress sandals with an open toe on special dress-up days such as Grandparents' Day, 6th Grade Celebration, etc. All students are required to keep a pair of clean, non-marking sole (no black sole) gym shoes at school for indoor P.E. and indoor recess.

## **GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS**

### **Public Performance & Public Leadership**

Students who are performing or leading in a public setting are expected to have an appearance appropriate for their position. These standards apply to special assemblies, chapels, on- or off-campus performances, recipients at award ceremonies, or other events as determined by the faculty and/or administration.

### **School Ceremonies & Dress Up Days**

On days such as Promotions, Grandparents' Day, Pastors' Chapel, Award Ceremonies, and other designated days, students are expected to dress for the given occasion. In addition, young ladies are asked to wear dress pants, a skirt, or dress at the appropriate length. Young men are to wear a collared shirt and/or tie with dress slacks and shoes.

### **Field Trips**

On most field trips, regular school dress is appropriate. Teachers will note if any other type of dress is expected.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

**First Incident** – a note or email will be sent to the parent

**Second Incident** – parent will be called to bring a change of clothes

**Third Incident** – parent will be called to bring a change of clothes, and a recess/lunch detention will be assigned