

## CMCS ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

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### **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.

Calvary Murrieta Christian School does not agree with the standards set by clothing companies such as *Abercrombie & Fitch, Skin, Dirty Ghetto*, etc., and, therefore, do not permit our students to wear clothing advertising these companies.

### **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, class parties, 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 clothing must fit properly. They should not be too tight or too baggy.

***Special Note to Parents*** - Please read the dress code carefully; encouraging and guiding your child 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. This includes when arms are lifted straight out, to shoulder height (a "T" formation).
- 4) No undergarments are permitted to show through the outerwear
- 5) Halter, off-the-shoulder, strapless, spaghetti straps and backless tops or dresses are not permitted.
- 6) Tops or dresses with straps less than two inches wide will need a shirt underneath or jacket or sweater (not sheer) worn at all times over them as part of the outfit.
- 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 either have a pocket, or a picture slogan, and the picture or slogan must not show or speak of activities that are not in line with Christian principles.
- 9) Clothing that displays words with suggestive double-meanings are not allowed.

- 10) Jeans that are bought faded are acceptable.
- 11) Jeans and pants with holes are NOT allowed.**
- 12) All pants must be worn at the waist. Blouses and tops must overlap the waistband of pants and skirts enough to allow for no midriff to show.
- 13) Pants, skirts, or shorts with writing across the back pockets or “seat” are not allowed.
- 14) Shorts, skirts, dresses, and hemlines with slits may not be shorter than 5” from the top of the knee.
- 15) Leggings are acceptable only when the top that is worn meets the 5” rule or a skirt (not sheer) is worn over the leggings that meets the 5” rule.
- 16) Tight-fitting shorts are not acceptable.
- 17) Shoes or sandals with heel straps must be worn at all times. Students may wear open-toe sandals, but will not be allowed to play in certain areas of the playground (such as the wood-chip area) for safety reasons.
- 18) Flip-flop sandals, slippers, and spike heels are not permitted.
- 19) Wheelie shoes must have the wheels removed while on school grounds.
- 20) Girls should wear their hairstyle in a clean, neat and attractive manner. Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles. Hair should be a natural color.
- 21) Make-up is not allowed.
- 22) Body piercing is only allowed on the ears.
- 23) Jewelry can be worn in moderation, but earrings may not dangle ½ inch below the ear. Stud type earrings are preferred for safety reasons. Safety pins in the ears are not acceptable.
- 24) Safety pins should not be used as decorations or used in excess on clothing.
- 25) No choke chains, wallet chains, dog collars. No stud or spikes may be worn on belts or accessories.
- 26) Hats are permitted, but may not be worn backwards or sideways. Girls can wear their hat indoors if it is part their outfit.
- 27) No gothic or grunge clothing.
- 28) Girls may only wear one-piece bathing suits at events/activities that require “beach wear.”

### **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 are acceptable.
- 3) Jeans and pants with holes are NOT allowed.**
- 4) All pants must be worn at the waistline. No part of the undergarment should be visible – “no sagging.”
- 5) 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 picture slogan, and the picture or slogan must not show or speak of activities that are not in line with Christian principles. Clothing that displays words with suggestive double-meanings are not allowed.
- 6) Boys’ undershirts should be tucked in.
- 7) Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not permitted.
- 8) Shoes or sandals with heel straps must be worn at all times. Students may wear open-toe sandals, but will not be allowed to play in certain areas of the playground (such as the wood-chip area) for safety reasons.
- 9) Flip-flop sandals and slippers are not permitted.
- 10) Wheelie shoes must have the wheels removed while on school grounds.
- 11) Any type of body piercing is not permitted.
- 12) No choke chains, wallet chains, dog collars. No studs or spikes may be worn on belts or accessories.
- 13) Hair should be a natural color, clean and neatly combed (not in the eyes, etc.) Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.
- 14) Hats are permitted, but may not be worn backwards, sideways, or indoors. Bandanas are not allowed.
- 15) Safety pins should not be used as decorations or used in excess on clothing.
- 16) Boys may not wear nail polish.
- 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 anytime.***