

SECONDARY 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. (Avoid wearing clothing with Lycra or Spandex.)
- 3) Short tops, which expose any part of the midriff skin, are not permitted. It is just as unacceptable to wear any of the above under a vest, open shirt, overalls, or sheer blouse. No part of the undergarment should be visible.
- 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.
- 7) Sleeveless blouses and dresses may be worn only if the armholes are not so large as to show the undergarments.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Hemlines with slits above the five inch rule are not acceptable. No holes. No cut or frayed hems.
- 11) Jeans that are bought faded are acceptable. No holes. No cut or frayed hems.

- 12) Blouses and tops must overlap the waistband of pants and skirts enough to allow for no midriff to show.
- 13) Shorts cannot be shorter than 5" above the top of the knee. Tight-fitting shorts are not acceptable.
- 14) Pants, skirts, or shorts with writing across the back pockets or "seat" are not allowed.
- 15) Girls should wear their hairstyles in a clean, neat and attractive manner. Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.
- 16) Jewelry can be worn in moderation. In junior high and high school only (grades 7th – 12th) girls may wear dangling earrings and make-up in moderation.
- 17) Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- 18) Body piercing is not allowed, except on the ears.
- 19) Hair should be a natural color.
- 20) No tattoos.
- 21) Hats are permitted.
- 22) No gothic or grunge clothing.
- 23) 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.
- 3) All pants must be worn at the waist line.
- 4) Pants or shorts with writing across the back pockets or "seat" are not allowed.
- 5) Sport shirts or colored knit shirts are preferred.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Boys' undershirts should be tucked in.
- 8) Tank tops are not permitted.
- 9) Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- 10) Earrings are not permitted.
- 11) Hair should be a natural color, clean, and neatly combed (not in eyes, etc.). Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.
- 12) Hair should be a natural color.
- 13) Hats are permitted except in classrooms and Chapel. Bandanas are not allowed.
- 14) Boys may not wear nail polish.
- 15) No tattoos.
- 16) Only seniors may have facial hair.
- 17) Sideburns may be worn (9th-11th grades) – no longer than the earlobe and no wider than one inch.
- 18) No sleeveless shirts.
- 19) 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.

SPECIAL OCCASION WEAR (Formal or semi-formal events)

For the Ladies:

Off-the-shoulder (this does not mean bare shoulder) and thin straps must have a neckline of no more than one inch below the collarbone. This allows for spaghetti straps and modesty. All dresses will have straps whether or not they are covered. (Wearing a shawl or sheer top over a strapless gown will not be acceptable.) Be sure that undergarments and cleavage are not showing. It takes away from the formal dress. The back of the formal cannot be lower than the bra line. Skin tight, lycra fabrics and other fabrics that cling to the body will not be part of the evening's dress code, no matter what the length. If a street-length dress is desired, the hemline will not be more than five inches above the top of the knee. The back of the dress may not be lower than the bra line of the back.

Special note: If in doubt, please check with administration. Modest formal or semi formal attire is a must. Administration reserves the right to approve or disapprove a dress.

For the Gentlemen:

Tux, suit, slacks, jacket, vest, nice shirt and tie are all part of the evening's attire. No baggies and no jeans, please.