

**Dress Code.** The way we dress often reflects our feelings and attitudes. Dress is also determined by the occasion at hand. Dress should reflect our Christian witness and our Foundation Statement. Decency in dress implies that others are not embarrassed, distracted, or tempted. Please read carefully the following guidelines.

A. School clothing must be neat, clean, modest and appropriate for class. Prohibited styles include: too short, too tight, too skimpy, bare backs and midriffs, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops (anything less than 3 finger widths), or plunging necklines. Yoga pants and leggings can be worn, but a long shirt must be worn to cover a young person from their backside on up.

B. Styles change and therefore grooming changes also. Extremes in styles and grooming are not appropriate because they cause or seek individual attention. Individual desires must often be denied for the common good. As in other areas of the Christian life, we must seek not to offend others.

C. For grades K-8, appropriate shorts, and shorts outfits, are permitted during the months of August, September, October, March, April and May. During these months, we ask for your wisdom in making sure your children are dressed appropriately for the day's weather. Children are required to go outside for recess. Make sure shorts are of appropriate length (down below the longest fingertip for grades 5-8).

D. Clothing that is torn or has holes in the knees, etc. are prohibited to be worn inside school.

E. Students may not wear clothing to school or school activities in an effort to deliberately present a gender other than their biological sex at birth.

F. Caps and hats are not permitted to be worn in school (except for special circumstances with an IEP or 504 plan or special occasions). Any writing on clothing shall not be sexually suggestive and shall not promote tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or music groups that have demonstrated non-Christian values.

G. Shoes worn by students should not be able to make black marks on the floor.

H. Hair is to be kept clean and well groomed. Exaggerated hairstyles, unnatural hair colors, or make-up that is disruptive is prohibited. The administration will make the final decision on dress code and grooming styles.

I. Judgment regarding dress will be made by the staff and parents will be contacted if pupils are judged to be inappropriately dressed. If a conversation has been had and the student does not correct the issue, further disciplinary measures may be taken.