

Dress Code
2010, revised August 2021

The focus of the dress code for students, teachers and support staff is on the Biblical principle of **Modesty**. This dress code is enforced throughout the school and church property and all school related functions.

Dress and grooming should fit in the school situation.
The following minimum standards fulfilling the principle of clean, neat and modest are required:

General Guidelines

1. Clothing should be modest and **fit** so as not to draw attention to oneself.
2. Any clothing with slogans or pictures that are not in good Christian character is not acceptable. Apparel with emblems, printing, etc., that are obscene, libellous, or slanderous, or that incite students as to create a clear and present danger are not permitted.
3. Skirts and shorts shall be worn at an appropriate/acceptable length for sitting as well as standing so that undergarments shall not show. Skirts and dresses may be of any style if all slits, openings and length are near the knee and do not expose one's underclothing. Shorts may be worn but must be in good taste. No undergarments or posteriors shall show.
4. Leggings may be worn but should be covered by pants, shorts or long shirt over the buttocks region.
5. Pants must fit at the hip so they will stay on without a belt. Underwear is not to be exposed. **Say no to crack!**
6. Shirts should not show cleavage.
7. Modest piercings are permitted in the ear.
8. A small nose stud or ring is permitted. All other body piercing must not be displayed at school or any other school related activity.
9. Tattoos must be covered at all times while at school or school related activities.
10. A clean pair of hard-soled shoes is required for indoors.
11. Hats (including ball caps, toques, visors, or related head wear) or sunglasses are to be removed while **inside** the classrooms, designated classroom areas, or chapel, except LCA swag and during school spirit dress up days if it is part of the costume.
12. Any clothing, makeup, hairstyle or wig that has been demonstrated to contribute to the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school is inappropriate/unacceptable for school attire.
13. Dress should be suitable and comfortable for normal school activities.
14. Clothing should correspond with the demands and purpose of the activity in which students participate.
15. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.

Physical Education Attire

Proper physical education attire consists of a t-shirt, sweatpants or shorts, socks and non-marking shoes.

Consequences

Anyone who arrives at school without proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness or neatness of dress will need to have the issue resolved. Solutions to the issue would be one of the following reasonable expectations. A parent is called to bring necessary attire, or a student may be sent home to properly prepare for school, or a parent may take the student home to properly prepare for the school.

Items to Avoid

The following items of clothing are considered inappropriate/unacceptable for school attire:

1. Strapless, halter-tops, tube tops, mesh shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops with wide arm holes, low cut shirts, and see-through blouses.
2. Bare midriffs
3. Undergarments showing
4. Chains or weapons (chains such as those attached to belts or wallets present a safety hazard.)
5. Not wearing a shirt
6. Lack of undergarments
7. Shirts, tops or sweaters unbuttoned below the sternum
8. Bathing suits (except in the swimming pool areas and locker rooms)

* This is not an exhaustive list but is deemed to be the ones needing to be itemized, as they may be appropriate in some public settings so perhaps school is one of them. Other items or manner of wearing clothing may be inappropriate/unacceptable according to the general guidelines above. The Principal has the final authority to decide whether any student is in violation of the dress code or the spirit of it.