

DRESS REGULATIONS AND BOOTS—2016-17

Because we want our students to conform to the Christian principles of moderation and appropriateness in dress, as well as in all areas of life, we ask that parents see to it that students come to school properly dressed. **BE AWARE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD WEARS!** The type of clothing a person wears has a definite effect upon attitude, conduct, and work habits. In school, dress should reflect the fact that the student is working on the job of being educated. Dress should be appropriate for the activity involved and in good taste. If in doubt, do not wear the article of clothing and ask a teacher or administration for clarification. Some specific regulations are as follow:

1. Shorts are permitted for all students but must be as long as the outstretched finger tips at the side of the legs of the wearer. **7th and 8th grade students can wear dressy, walking shorts, not athletic shorts other than in gym.**
2. Students may not wear biking shorts or other clothing that is excessively tight or overly large. Clothing should be modest and loose fitting, not showing any undergarments.
3. Dresses, at a minimum, must fit the rule for length of shorts. This also applies to any dress that is worn with leggings underneath.
4. Shoes (must have backs on them) are to be worn at all times for students in grades PK-5. 6th through 8th grade students must wear nice sandals (April 1 - October 31) or shoes. Flip-flops or beachwear are not allowed.
5. No clothing that is deliberately torn or shabby. All clothing must be hemmed or have finished ends (not frayed, ripped, torn, or cut).
6. Sleeveless tops may be worn by students in grades PreK through 4th, but are not allowed for students in grades 5-8. No shirts or any type of top that does not come to the waist or exposes bare midriff during normal school activities is allowed. See-through clothing does not meet dress code.
7. Sweatsuit or warm-up outfits may be worn in the grades PreK through 4th grade, but are not appropriate for students in grades 5-8. Flannel or pajama pants are not allowed for anyone.
8. Any clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, rock music groups, movies, has occult symbolism (no skeletons, skulls, crosses), has sexual connotations, is disrespectful to authority, Christianity, education, etc., wording that is contrary to our school's goals and beliefs, or other wording that is deemed to be offensive may not be worn. Clothing with the Abercrombie, Hollister, or Victoria's Secret PINK logo or name is prohibited due to offensive innuendo and the promotion of inappropriate sexual behavior encouraged by these clothing companies.
9. Face painting, earrings for boys (or tongue, eyebrow, nose, etc. piercing for anyone), or bizarre hair styles/colors are not appropriate and the student will be asked to wash out or remove such things.
10. Students in grades PreK through 6th grade must wear boots when there is snow on the playground. Boots should be clearly marked with the student's name or initials and must be worn when conditions warrant.
11. Hats may not be worn in the school building at any time.

As new styles of clothing or patterns develop the school may make adjustments, within our guidelines of modesty and propriety and in keeping with our school's mission, in the dress code. If a student's dress is inappropriate, the parents will be called and asked to bring a change of clothing to school. If there is ever any doubt concerning the apparel of a student, the administrator will make the final decision.

Parents and students have an obligation to the school and the Christian community to consider proper dress for the Christian school environment. Remember that we bear God's image and we are a constant witness to the entire community by our dress and actions.

The school assumes no responsibility for items lost or not claimed within a reasonable amount of time.