

# Community Christian Academy Dress Code

## PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT:

There is no doubt that the reason any dress policy is controversial is that it is always subject to personal tastes. Therefore, there is no perfect dress code. For that reason, great lengths have been taken to rest this policy on general biblical principles. You are encouraged to read the references cited for the four principles listed here: 1) Honor God in all we do (Col. 3:17 & I Cor. 10:31); 2) Look to your leadership (Rom. 13:1 & Heb. 13:17); 3) Consider others first (Philip. 2:3-4 & Rom. 12:10); 4) Pursue holiness (Rom. 12:1&2). It is our desire at CCA that students live and conduct themselves in a manner pleasing to God. This policy is intended to serve as a tool in fostering academic excellence and positive character development.

**The best policy is to bring any item that you are unsure about to the office and let the administration determine whether it meets our dress code requirements before the student wears it to school.**

## GENERAL OVERVIEW:

- Students' appearance should be modest and conducive to a positive consistent Christian witness.
- Hair should be neat and clean and any coloring should be of a "natural" color. Boy's hair length should be above the collar.
- Earrings are only allowed to be worn by girls and are limited to no more than two earrings in each ear. No gauge type earrings may be worn.
- No other body piercings are allowed, except as noted above.
- Tattoos are not allowed. If a student has a temporary type tattoo, it must be covered.

## CLASSROOM ATTIRE:

Any text/writing on clothing must not be suggestive or in any way a violation of Christian values. Please do not wear Christian shirts that might be scary for young children, (i.e. graphic depiction of blood). Insignias or logos are allowed on shirts except when the insignia or logo is suggestive, or in any way violates Christian values. No political pictures or sayings are allowed on T-shirts. Commercial characters that are generally inoffensive and uncontroversial in the Christian Community are acceptable. Commercial characters that might be considered controversial because of "new age" or cultic implications are not acceptable. The administration will make the call on any items that are questionable.

## DRESS CODE SPECIFICS:

- All clothing must be clean.
- Clothing must fit properly; it must not be too tight or too revealing.
- Tops must be long enough that when the arms are fully extended and raised over the head, no abdominal skin shows.
  - No halter tops, no racer backs, no shirts with spaghetti straps and no see-through tops can be worn.
  - No undergarments may be showing. Sleeveless shirts must be at least 3 finger widths on shoulder.
  - Shirts/Tops must have modest necklines; no low-cut necklines, no low-cut arms holes and no low-cut backs.
- Pants must be worn at or above the hipbones. No baggy or saggy pants.
  - No pants with tears or holes are allowed.
  - No sweatpants; including nylon or mesh type sports pants.
  - No lycra or yoga pants.
  - Leggings may not be worn as pants. Leggings are only permitted when worn with a dress, skirt or other appropriate length garment. (Dress, skirt or longer styled top can be worn with leggings, but must be no shorter than 2" above the kneecap.)
  - Loose fitting knit pants are allowed in K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only.
- Shorts may only be worn in September and from May 1 to the end of the school year.
  - Shorts can be no shorter than 2" above the knee cap.
  - No athletic shorts (except for P.E. attire only – as noted below).
  - No swimsuit type shorts.
- Dress and Skirts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee cap.

- When wearing a skirt or dress with a sheer overlay; no part of it can be shorter than 2" above the knee cap.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
  - Sandals may be worn but no flip flops.
  - No shoes with wheels are allowed.
  - **Sports shoes and socks are required for P.E.** It is recommended to have your student keep a pair of sport shoes in their locker for P.E. Sandals, dress shoes and boots are not appropriate footwear for P.E.
- Hats, baseball caps, stocking caps, hoodies and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.

### **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS:**

The first time a student arrives at school outside of these guidelines, he/she will either be given a warning, and their parent may be called to bring the appropriate clothing. Repeated dress code violations may result in detentions and/or a conference with parents. The best policy is to bring any item that you are unsure about to the office and let the administration determine whether it meets our dress code requirements before the student wears it to school.

### **P.E. ATTIRE:**

- Please make sure your student has a pair of athletic (sport) shoes to keep in their lockers for P.E. days. Sandals, boots and other non-athletic shoes are not allowed during P.E.
- Acceptable shorts and shirts are recommended for grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.
- You may receive further guidelines from the P.E. Teacher
- **Students in grades 5 - 8 may change into shorts or sweatpants for P.E. provided:**
  - Shorts or sweatpants are only allowed during student's scheduled P.E. time.
  - Athletic type shorts are acceptable for P.E. but must be no shorter than 2" above the knee cap.
  - Spandex may only be worn under appropriate style and length P.E. shorts.
  - No tight fitting or torn shorts.
  - No yoga pants or knit pants.
  - Questionable clothing should be avoided. Modesty and cleanliness should be represented at all times.

The following Dress Code is in effect whenever students are on school premises, and for any campus events that are off-campus, or where CCA or NCHS are being represented (i.e., field trips, sporting events, school programs and concerts, etc.).

