

## DRESS CODE 2017-2018

All students should be dressed in a modest, clean, neat, and most importantly, in a Godly manner that is befitting an educational setting. All attire will be modest, reflect Christian values, be neat and presentable. Good judgment is to be exercised in dressing appropriately for attending class and all school related events, on or off of campus, including programs and ceremonies.

While standards of modesty vary, the following is a summary of what we believe to be “school-appropriate” clothing. The administration and office staff will make the final decision on any dress code matters.

- Tops: Neckline should be no lower than 3 inches from the base of the neck front or back. All tops must have sleeves and shoulders must be covered. No straps of undergarments should be showing (bras, camis, or tank tops). There should be no cut-outs in shirt or sleeves.
- Shorts and skorts: “Bermuda style” shorts and skorts no more than 4 inches above the knee are permitted.
- Skirts and dresses: Hemline, including slits, must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. The solid layer of the skirt or dress must meet this requirement.
- Leggings and jeggings are not to be worn alone. Tunics, tops and dresses worn over leggings or jeggings must meet dress code (no shorter than 2” above the top of the knee).
- “Pajama style” pants are not school appropriate.
- Messages or symbols on shirts not in keeping with the Vision and Mission Statements or Core Values will not be permitted. (e.g. skull and cross bones)
- All attire will be in good condition, with no rips, tears, holes, stains, or missing or broken fasteners.
- Elementary students must have shoes or sandals with a back. Tennis shoes are required for P.E. classes. Enclosed shoes are required for lab activities. House slippers are not permitted.
- All clothing should not be too tight or too loose. Clothing should not be revealing and allow for free movement regardless of the student’s activity. For this reason skinny jeans are not recommended. No area of a student’s mid-section is to be visible.
- Students are permitted to wear task appropriate attire that conforms to the Dress Code guidelines for field trips, athletics, or special events. Exceptions to the Dress Code must be announced in advance by the Faculty or Administration.
- Hair and makeup must be clean and neat with no extreme styles or coloring; natural hair colors only. Hair must not obstruct vision or be a distraction to the learning process.
- Hats may not be worn in the buildings. Bandanas covering the head are not permitted. Girls may wear headbands.
- Tattoos, temporary or permanent are not permitted.
- Piercings must be limited to the ear and may not be visible anywhere else. Gauges are not permitted. Only female students may wear earrings.

When a student comes to the office for a dress code violation he/she will remain in the office until the violation is corrected. Clothing will usually be available for the student to change. If the student chooses to have parents bring a change of clothing to the school, work missed is subject to late work consequences. Violations at after-school or off-campus activities will be dealt with the following school day. The first dress code violation will result in a warning. Repeated violations will be recorded as part of the normal discipline process. A parent conference may be required.

### **Physical Education Procedure:**

All students are required to wear tennis shoes. Students should come to school dressed for class, and dress-out for P.E. class. LCA gym clothes must be worn by all students in grades 5-12. Students should change out of gym clothes after P.E. class. LCA gym clothes will be available for purchase from the Athletic Director during school hours.