

Dress Code

It is well established that the attire of students has a profound influence on the attitude toward learning in any school. We feel a strong responsibility to provide guidelines for parents and students to help them determine what clothing is appropriate for the school environment. Our dress code is designed to maximize opportunities for student choice while helping them choose clothing that will foster academic excellence, and a Christ-centered learning environment. We request that students and parents accept responsibility for complying with this dress code.

Appropriate coverage of the body is essential. A key guideline is that attire should never support inappropriate behavior, endanger health or safety, or interfere with anyone's right to learn or teach. Due to current fashion trends, we believe it is important to emphasize the following dress guidelines for our students:

- Hoods and electronic devices (including ear buds/headphones) must not be worn during in-person class time, assembly or chapel.
- Tops:
 - Must be modest in style with appropriate necklines (front and back) and arm openings
 - Must cover the midriff and undergarments
 - Sleeveless shirts are allowed if the straps are at least 3 inches wide (approximately the width of four fingers)
- Bottoms:
 - Must cover undergarments
 - Shorts, skirts and dresses must cover to mid-thigh. (Holes in pants are allowed below mid-thigh.)
 - Leggings (including yoga style pants) must not be see-through, and must be covered to mid-thigh.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Clothing must not promote behavior that violates school conduct standards
- Clothing, jewelry, words/graphics on clothing, unwashed clothing, or grooming that may threaten the health or safety of students and/or detracts from the learning process or the school climate is not allowed.
- Anytime students are representing the school (e.g., athletics, extra-curricular activities), they will be required to comply with this dress code. Students who do not comply with the dress code requirements, will not be allowed to participate in the activities.

Due to changing fads and fashions, there may be changes to the dress code during the year. If a school staff member prescribes modification in dress or appearance, the student will not be allowed to attend classes until these requirements are met (e.g., shoes must be worn at all times). Students may need to go home to change or have clothes brought to them. Dress code violations may be reported in RenWeb/FACTS SIS. Multiple dress code violations become a behavior and discipline matter.