

DRESS CODE

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SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

While we realize that the Scriptures do not specifically tell us how we should dress or how our hair should be cut, it does give us some principles to follow. In light of these principles, we must set an institutional standard for our school. Our intention is not to say that a Christian who fails to meet our standards is sinning, but only that our students must meet this standard in order for us to be consistent in our enforcement. General scriptural guidelines for dress are:

- 1) Modesty of both boys and girls: *“that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety;...”* (I Timothy 2:9). *“Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart...”* (II Timothy 1:22).
- 2) Identification with the Lord and not with the world: *“...but be thou an example of the believers, in work, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”* (I Timothy 4:12). *“...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world;...”* (Romans 12:1-2). *“Love not the world, neither the things that are of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...”* (I John 2:15).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The school dress code is expected to be kept at all school functions, on or off campus unless otherwise instructed. This includes athletic events at the high school. Parents are expected to cooperate in meeting these standards for their students. Final decisions on any questionable matters will be the responsibility of the School Administrator. Rules for students both during the school day and at extracurricular events are:

Boys and Girls:

- 1) Clothes are to be clean and pressed at all times.
- 2) Hats and sunglasses may not be worn during school hours or at indoor school activities.
- 3) Jackets with inappropriate writing will not be allowed. Jackets are not to be worn during the school day.
- 4) Pant cuffs may be rolled up neatly if trousers are too long.
- 5) No piercings are allowed, other than earrings for girls as outlined in item 3 below.

Girls:

- 1) Girls in grades K-12 must wear dress length **BELOW THE KNEE**.
- 2) Makeup will not be used by girls in grades K-5. This includes lip gloss, nail polish, eye makeup, etc. Only moderate makeup may be worn by girls in grades 6 - 12.
- 3) Modest earrings/ear jewelry are permitted in the earlobe only. Dangling earrings which exceed **1½ "** in length are not permitted.
- 4) Hairstyles must be kept clean, neat, and combed. No spiked, stiff, or sculptured hair. No hair paints or multicolor hair. Dyed hair is a matter of parental discretion; however, the School Administrator will have authority to take action on any dyed hair which is deemed to be inappropriate.

Boys:

- 1) Hairstyles must be in good taste. Long hair is not permitted. Young men must keep their hair cut in a medium trim, and hair must follow the contour of the head by being tapered. Hair on or over the ears, shirt collars, or eyebrows is unacceptable. Hair is to be kept clean, combed, and neat at all times. No spiked hair or shaved heads. No hair paints or multicolor hair. Dyed hair

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- 2) No beards or mustaches are allowed. No sideburns below the center of the ear are allowed. Students will maintain a clean-shaven face. Any student needing a shave will be given one warning before demerits are issued.
- 3) Boys may not wear earrings. For students in grades 6 - 12, other Christian jewelry is acceptable if approved by the School Administrator.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Students must wear the prescribed CPRS uniform to school on a daily basis. Uniform pieces are to be originally purchased from the approved uniform company unless otherwise specified below. If an emergency situation arises and a student is unable to wear any part of his or her regular uniform, the parent must write a note to the administration requesting approval for the exception. The student must bring the note to the administration prior to going to class.

If a dress code violation slip is sent home with a student, immediate attention should be given to the problem. Removal from class and/or activities will occur when deemed necessary by the teacher and/or administration. Repeated infractions of the dress code may result in disciplinary action.

- 1) Neat mends are allowed. Patches with wording or pictures are not allowed.
- 2) CPRS oxford uniform shirts must always be tucked in, even when worn at an extracurricular activity. CPRS polo shirts must be tucked in during school hours.

- 3) No tennis shoes or athletic shoes may be worn at school except during P.E. (P.E. shoes should have non-marking rubber soles.) Shoes are to be dress-type leather or synthetic leather top in beige, brown, black, or navy. Non-marking soles are required. Sandals, hiking boots, cowboy boots, open-backed shoes, etc. are unacceptable. Shoes may be purchased at any store.
- 4) Socks in white, beige, or navy must be worn by boys. Socks or tights in white, navy, or red must be worn by girls. Girls in grades 6-12 may wear plain, non-pattern nylon hose in neutral colors. Socks and hosiery may be purchased at any store.
- 5) Girls may wear slacks under the skirt going to and from school, and during recess; however, slacks must be removed during the regular school day.
- 6) A solid white, blue, or red t-shirt with no design or writing may be worn under the uniform shirt. During cold weather, a solid white, blue, or red turtleneck may be worn under the oxford or short-sleeved polo shirt.
- 7) High school boys may purchase Docker's slacks, Classic Fit, pleated front in light khaki. Navy slacks from the approved uniform company are required for Full Dress Uniform.

FULL DRESS UNIFORM

“Full Dress Uniform” is to be worn for many CPRS activities, such as concerts, programs, field trips, photographs, etc. Please note that students who are not in Full Dress Uniform may not be permitted to participate in an activity which requires this.

GIRLS' REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

All CPRS female students in kindergarten through 12th grade must own the following uniform pieces, which are referred to as Full Dress Uniform:

Grades K – 5

- * Plaid jumper
(length below knee)
- * White monogrammed
short-sleeved
round-collared blouse
- * Navy monogrammed cardigan
sweater
- * Red cross tie
- * Plain navy socks
- * Dress shoes

Grades 6 – 12

- * Navy double pleat or box pleat skirt
(length below knee)
- * White monogrammed short-sleeved
oxford blouse
- * Red cross tie
- * Plain navy socks -OR-
neutral color, non-pattern nylon
hose
- * Dress shoes

For girls in 5th through 8th grade, as well as girls who are enrolled in any P.E. class, Fitness class, or are members of a CPRS athletic team, it is mandatory to purchase the CPRS logo gym shorts and gym shirt. These are only available through the Athletic Office.

GIRLS' OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

These items may be purchased for variety only; they may not be worn on any Full Dress Uniform day.

- * Light blue short-sleeved monogrammed oxford blouse
- * Navy or red CPRS logo knit polo shirt -- long- or short-sleeved
- * Plain white or red socks
- * Plain navy, white, or red tights

Girls in elementary (kindergarten through 5th grade) may wear shorts under uniforms for modesty reasons; however, shorts must have finished hem edges.

BOYS' REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

All CPRS male students in kindergarten through 12th grade must own the following uniform pieces, which are referred to as Full Dress Uniform:

Grades K – 8

- * Navy slacks
- * Neutral color leather belt or tri-color web belt
- * White monogrammed short-sleeved oxford shirt
- * Navy monogrammed cardigan sweater
- * Red tie (self-tie or adjustable)
- * Navy socks
- * Dress shoes

Grades 9 – 12

- * Navy slacks
- * Neutral color leather belt or tri-color web belt
- * White monogrammed short-sleeved oxford shirt
- * Red tie (self-tie or adjustable)
- * Navy socks
- * Dress shoes

For boys in 5th through 8th grade, as well as boys who are enrolled in any P.E. class, Fitness class, or are members of a CPRS athletic team, it is mandatory to purchase the CPRS logo gym shorts and gym shirt. These are only available through the Athletic Office.

BOYS' OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

These items may be purchased for variety only; they may not be worn on any Full Dress Uniform day.

- * Khaki slacks
- * Light blue monogrammed short-sleeved oxford shirt
- * Navy or red monogrammed knit polo shirt -- long- or short-sleeved
- * White or khaki socks

EXTRACURRICULAR DRESS CODE

Students participating in extracurricular activities will wear the clothing or uniform as required by the sponsor in charge. Dress code for field trips will be determined by the School Administrator. School uniforms may be required on occasion. Attire should be appropriate and modest in length, style, fit, and neckline. MODESTY should be the consideration in selection of a wardrobe.

Student spectators must wear clothing which conforms to the dress codes outlined in this section, as well as the guidelines under 'General Requirements.' Please bear in mind that these rules represent the 'minimum' dress code.

- 1) No low-slung or sweat pants are permitted.
- 2) Belts must be worn if pants have belt loops.
- 3) Shirts with buttons may have only the collar button open.
- 4) Logos on clothing items must be of a positive theme, and may not be associated with anything which is contrary to the teachings and values of CPRS.
- 5) Slits in dresses or skirts must be below the knee.
- 6) No strapless, spaghetti strap, bare midriff, low cut, or see-through clothing is allowed.
- 7) Shirts/tops must completely cover the waist and stomach area when the student's arms are stretched overhead.

CASUAL ACTIVITIES (Activities include athletic events, some field trips, etc.)

Girls and boys:

- 1) Students may wear jeans which are solid color, properly fitted, without holes, rips, or tear. Patches must be a solid color and match the jeans. Length may not drag the floor.
- 2) T-shirts may be worn.
- 3) Shorts may be worn to outdoor sporting events only – soccer or track – and should be modest and loose fitting. Shorts should not be higher than 4 inches above the knee.
- 4) Tennis shoes may be worn.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Activities include music programs, plays, etc.)

Girls: Dress slacks with dress blouse or sweater; or dress; or skirt with dress blouse or sweater; also dress shoes. Length of the dress or skirt must be below the knee.

Boys: Dress slacks with dress shirt or sweater; also dress shoes.

SEMI-FORMAL EVENTS (Activities include Athletic Banquet, Graduation, etc.)

Girls: Dress; or dress skirt and dress blouse; also dress shoes. Length of the dress or skirt must be below the knee.

Boys: Suit; or dress slacks with dress shirt and tie; also dress shoes.

FORMAL EVENTS (These activities include Senior Banquet)

All formal wear must conform to the standards outlined in the Senior Banquet dress code contract which must be signed by students attending, as well as their parents.

Girls: Knee length or longer 'formal' dress. all dresses must be reviewed and approved by the Senior Banquet dress code committee in advance; dresses which are custom-made should have the design approved in advance.

Boys: Suit or tux.

Please note: Violators of the extracurricular dress code will be sent home. Re-entry to the activity will be determined by the School Administrator or the faculty member who has taken action.

A note to parents: Your help is needed in supervising your child's uniform and extracurricular dress code requirements. If you check your children before they come to school or school activities, the teachers can be spared much time. If an item of clothing is in doubt, please check with the School Administrator before it is worn. Violations of the dress code will be handled by contacting the parent to bring the proper clothing to school. The student will not be allowed to attend classes or participate in other activities until the problem is corrected.