

DRESS CODE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE (For students in Grades 1 - 8)

The intent of a school dress code is to hold students to a standard of dress and appearance that will reflect favorably on our school, our students, and our Christian homes. We also want to teach children how to make choices in responsible dress. The latest fashions may not always fit the dress code. The Administration/School Board Ministry reserves the right to revise the dress code when they feel it is necessary. We ask every parent to enforce our standards. We will also try our best to enforce these standards in a manner that is fair and consistent.

1. Shorts can be worn throughout the school year. The length of the shorts should be the length of the student's fingertips resting on his/her leg when standing up straight. Shorts and pants that have writing on the seat are not allowed.

2. On Chapel days, dress shorts can be worn if they have a belt. No denim shorts of any color are allowed on Chapel days.

Wednesday is our day for Chapel worship. Listed below is our Standardized Chapel attire for grades 1 - 8

STANDARDIZED CHAPEL ATTIRE FOR GRADES 1 - 8

Out of reverence to God, on our scheduled day of worship, our SBM has established a "Standardized Chapel Dress Attire" policy. Students will be required to wear the following Chapel attire on Wednesdays:

- A. Solid black, navy blue, or khaki pants, skirts, skorts, or jumpers (NO YOGA PANTS).
 - B. Collared shirts/blouses, either short or long-sleeved. Shirts/blouses may be striped, solid colored, or have a printed pattern on them as long as there is a collar. Logos are allowed only if they are smaller than a two-inch diameter, with the exception of the St. Matthew logo. Shirts may not have written words/brand names across the front.
 - C. All shirts/blouses must be tucked in, unless they have a straight line hem across the bottom.
 - D. Sweaters will be allowed, as long as the collared shirt is showing.
 - E. Dresses are allowed and do not need a collar. However, dresses must meet the established standards regarding length being at finger tips resting on her leg when standing up straight, sleeves, etc.
 - F. No sweatshirts will be allowed.
 - G. Parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes to uphold this policy when it is not met.
4. Colored jeans, other than blue, are permitted. Blue jeans, blue denim skirts and blue denim jumpers/dresses are allowed on Fridays or other days set by the teaching staff. Denim pants need to be neat in appearance with no frays or rips. The large, sloppy style of denim pants is prohibited as well. Denim shirts, vests, jackets, and collars are allowed Monday through Friday.
5. For safety and health reasons, shoes and socks are to be worn at all times. Shoes are to be securely fastened. Students may not wear shoes or sandals without backs.
6. Sloppy style clothing is not allowed. Pants must be secure at the student's waistline. **Shirts intended to be tucked in must be tucked in.**
7. **Leggings and yoga pants are allowed when worn with long tops or sweaters that extend past the backside.**
8. No hats are to be worn in the building.

9. T-shirts as follows:

NOT ALLOWED

- words or slogans promoting evil, violence, alcohol, cigarettes, or items that may be offensive
- undershirts

10. We recommend for your child's safety that all drawstrings be removed from shirts with a hood.

11. Clothing generally worn outdoors (jackets, coats, etc.) is not to be worn in the building during the school day.

12. **Students may wear sleeveless tops if the shoulder straps are two or more inches wide across the student's chest and back. Racerback tops, shirts with open backs, muscle shirts, and shirts with large arm holes are not allowed.**

13. Torsos must be covered at all times.

14. For safety reasons, no shoes with wheels will be allowed. Please remove all wheels before wearing this type of shoes to school.

15. **One goal for our school dress code is to design guidelines that encourage Christian modesty. As a result, all female shirts need to have necklines that do not reveal any cleavage.**

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE FOLLOWING BE ALLOWED:

- Sheer, lacy blouses
- Tight body/form-fitting clothing
- Body piercing
- Midriff tops
- Fleece sweat suits or fleece sweat pants
- Dyed hair of unnatural color such as blue, purple, dark black, etc. (Natural color highlights are allowed)

BOYS

- No earrings will be allowed during school or school-sponsored activities.
- Hair must be neat and well groomed. The length must be above the shirt collar and bangs must be above eyebrows. Boys must be clean shaven with no facial hair, and no ponytails, dreadlocks, or other extreme hair.

GIRLS

- Make-up may be used by 7th and 8th grade students only.
- For safety reasons, no aerosol or spray containers are allowed at school.
- Hair cannot cover eyes.

TEACHERS

- Are to maintain a professional appearance, but are not under the restrictions of the student dress code.

Dress Code Violations:

All Students in grades 1 - 8 are expected to follow the dress code. In the event a student does not comply with the dress code standards, the following disciplinary action will occur:

First offense - A verbal warning will occur and parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes if necessary.

Second offense - A detention will be issued.

Third offense - Meeting with parents and principal.

Fourth offense - Student will not be allowed to return to school until he/she complies with the dress code standards.