

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

We believe in a dress code, and we sincerely try to institute standards of dress and appearance that are fair and 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, however the school dress code is designed with guidelines that encourage Christian modesty.

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. All clothing must be neat in appearance with no rips, frays, or tears.
2. 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.
3. Tight or form fitting shirts, dresses, pants (with the exception of leggings that are addressed below) are not allowed. Dresses must also meet the standard measure of length of finger tips resting on leg when standing upright.
4. 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.
5. Non-Blue Denim, skirts, jumpers, rompers and dresses are permitted on non-chapel days.
6. Blue Denim, skirts, jumpers, rompers and dresses are permitted on Fridays.
7. Leggings are allowed in grades 1-4 and in grades 5-8 when worn with longer tops that extend past the backside.
8. Joggers/athletic pants are allowed.
 - Must be worn with longer tops that extend past the backside when form fitted.
9. Shorts may be worn throughout the school year (note students go outside during the day, even in winter).
 - 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.
10. Solid/plain T-shirts are allowed; T-shirts with words are allowed as long as they do not promote evil, satanic, violence, alcohol, drugs, smoking/vaping, and offensive words.
11. Students may wear sleeveless tops (no muscle tops, large arm holes, etc.) if the shoulder straps are two or more inches wide.
12. Torsos should be covered at all times.
13. No hats are to be worn in the building.
14. Clothing generally worn outdoors (jackets, coats, etc.) is not to be worn in the building during the school day.

Out of reverence to God, on our scheduled day of worship (typically Wednesday), our SBM has established a "Standardized Chapel Dress Attire" policy.

LISTED BELOW IS THE STANDARDIZED CHAPEL ATTIRE FOR GRADES 1 - 8.

- A. *Solid black, gray, navy blue, khaki dress pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers/rompers or black, gray, khaki denim pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers/rompers (Leggings are not allowed unless under a dress or skirt).*
- B. *Solid, striped, and patterned collared shirts and blouses (with or without a collar).*
 - Logos are allowed only if they are smaller than a two-inch diameter, with the exception of the St. Matthew logo.
 - Words are not allowed on clothing on chapel days
- C. *Solid, striped, and patterned sweaters.*
- D. *Solid, striped, and patterned dresses are allowed and do not need a collar.*
 - Dresses must meet the established standards regarding length being at finger tips resting on her leg when standing up straight.
- E. *No sweatshirts, T-shirts, or athletic pants will be permitted.*

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE FOLLOWING BE ALLOWED:

Sheer, lacy blouses

Body piercing

Dyed hair of unnatural color, such as blue, purple, dark black, etc. (Natural color highlights are allowed)

All shirts need to have necklines that do not reveal any cleavage.

Shoes with wheels. Please remove all wheels before wearing these types of shoes to school.

BOYS -

No earrings will be allowed during school hours

Hair must be neat and well groomed.

- The length must be above the shirt collar
- Hair cannot cover eyes
- No facial hair, no ponytails, 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 must be neat and well groomed.

- Hair cannot cover eyes
- No extreme hair

There are designated spirit days and exceptions to these rules authorized by the school administration.

In the event a student does not comply with the dress code standards, the following disciplinary action will occur in addition to parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes:

First offense - A verbal warning and/or notice of concern will occur a

Second offense - A detention will be issued.

Third offense - Meeting with parents and principal.

TEACHERS - Have a separate dress standard for professional appearance.