

DRESS AND GROOMING

Basic Policy

The Governing Board believes that in an age of declining morals and values, it is important to rise up and maintain God's Holy standards. If we are not careful, we can quickly find ourselves looking and sounding more like the world and less like Jesus Christ. The board believes that we must strive for virtues such as modesty and neatness in our attire. The following Scriptures establish the principles, which should govern our approach to the dress within CCA

- † I Timothy 2:9 tells women to dress modestly.
- † Deuteronomy 22:5 gives us the principle of distinction in clothing in men and women.
- † Romans 14:2 admonishes us not to allow our behavior to cause others to sin.
- † I Corinthians 10:31 encourages us to glorify the Lord in all things.
- † I Corinthians 14:26 encourages us to be edifying. The word edify means the act of building up. It is our biblical responsibility to conduct ourselves in word and deed (including dress) in a manner that glorifies God.
- † Romans 12:2 tells us we should not be conformed to the world.

All students shall dress and groom with attention to neatness, cleanliness, decency, safety, and personal and public health. The Board will deem student dress to be inappropriate when:

1. it disrupts or could disrupt the educational process of other students.
2. it denotes affiliation with any gang or it has any inappropriate words, advertising and/or pictures (i.e., profane/obscene language, crude/vulgar gestures, cigarettes/alcohol advertising, racial, ethnic or sexist slurs, etc.).
3. it creates a safety hazard for said student or other students.

With the above in mind, the Governing Board has established the following guidelines regarding a student's attire.

Specific Dress/Hair Requirements

1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
2. Clothing must be clean.
3. Clothing such as short shorts, tight shorts, cut-offs, or short skirts shall not be worn. Shorts must be hemmed and must extend below the tip of the middle finger when arms are straight down at the side or must have an in-seam of 6" whichever is longer. Athletic shorts are not allowed.

4. Clothing must cover the torso adequately, therefore bare midriffs, strapless tops, spaghetti straps will not be allowed.
5. Underclothing must be covered at all times.
6. Baggy clothes, suggestive clothing, and spandex type material will be deemed inappropriate.
7. Clothing and other apparel shall be safe for the activity; i.e. attention to sandals, dangling earrings, long sleeves, long hair, which could create a hazard should be avoided.
8. Any apparel which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute is known to be gang related, is prohibited.
9. Tattoos, lip, tongue, eyebrow, navel or inappropriate body piercing is prohibited. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings to school events/activities. Girls may have no more than two earrings in each year.
10. Hair should be clean and neatly brushed. Hair styles such as spiked, unnatural colored hair, two tone (natural color highlights are acceptable), mohawks, symbols or engravings etched in the hair, and the like are unacceptable. Boys' hair may be no longer than below their collars.

The principal and/or his/her designee is authorized to establish additional school rules to address specific dress problems. The rules will be consistent with the total school board policy.

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Students violating the above will be ask to leave and will not be allowed to return and/or participate in that day's school activity(ies) until the inappropriate clothing or appearance is modified to the satisfaction of the school principal or his/her designee(s). Students may be subject to other disciplinary measures by the school board as well.

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