



## DRESS CODE GUIDELINES 2023-2024

### **Parental Responsibility**

Remember – because children are under parental authority and parents have chosen this school, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children are in appropriate attire on campus as well as at school activities and special functions. AVC dress code is required at ALL school activities, both on and off campus. If students are out of dress code, they will be asked to call their parents/guardians in order to bring them dress code appropriate clothes.

**General Guidelines:** Modesty is expected, with no extremes. All clothing must fit properly. Pants must fit at the waist, not sagged or baggy. Clothing may not be tight or form fitting. All clothes must be clean, without holes and properly hemmed. Clothing may not have prominent skulls, promote violence, promiscuity, or advertise products, bands, shows, movies, etc. Final say on acceptability rests with the Leadership Team.

### **Secondary School: 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Uniform Guidelines:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to wear a uniform.

**Mondays – Wednesday:** Uniforms  
**Thursday:** Chapel dress or uniforms  
**Friday:** Spirit wear (see below) or uniforms

**Shirts:** Polo style shirt in gold/yellow, royal/navy blue, or white  
**Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Sweaters:** Must be plain in either khaki, royal/navy, or gold/yellow  
**Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Dress:** Khaki or navy blue  
**Tights/Leggings:** White, navy blue, or black (can only be worn under dress, skirt, or jumper)  
\* Please follow the remaining guidelines when purchasing your uniform

### **Hair/Makeup:**

**Girls:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. Must be out of the eyes, neat and clean. No extreme make-up or colors.  
**Boys:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. No spikes, stripes, or shaven areas. Must be out of the eyes, neat and clean, above the collar and no longer than mid-ear on the sides. Neatly trimmed facial hair is permitted for *Seniors only*. No makeup or finger nail polish permitted.

### **Hats/Hoods/Beanies:**

**Girls/Boys:** Must be removed before entering the school and worn properly when outdoors.

### **Jewelry:**

**Girls:** Must be safe. Piercings other than ear lobe are not permitted. No tattoos or writing on the skin. No wallet chains.  
**Boys:** No heavy metal chains, piercings, tattoos, writing on skin. No wallet chains.

**Dresses/Skirts/Tops (Girls):** No extreme styles. Skirt/Dress Length: must be within the width of a dollar bill above the knee or longer. This length applies to the top of a slit as well. No strapless, bra-less, tank, spaghetti straps or low-cut tops (front or back). Must be modest, not revealing cleavage, tummy, back, underarm area, thigh area, no bra straps showing, etc. Camisoles are recommended when modesty is in question. When wearing leggings under a dress or skirt, the dress/skirt must follow dress code length (see above).

**Shirts (Boys):** Undershirts, tank tops or sleeveless shirts must NOT be worn as outerwear.

**Pants/Jeans/Shorts:**

**Girls:** No extreme styles. Must be modest. P.E. clothes, AVC team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours, however, some approved exceptions are made for game days. Pants/Jeans may NOT be frayed, torn, or have holes. Leggings are NOT considered pants. Shorts must be within the width of a dollar bill above the knee or longer.

**Boys:** No extreme styles. Modest, not revealing undergarments or skin. P.E. clothes, AVC team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Some approved exceptions are made for game days. Dress code compliant athletic wear is acceptable. Pants/Jeans may NOT be frayed, torn, or have holes. Tight-fitting “skinny” pants are NOT permitted. Shorts must be within the width of a dollar bill above the knee or longer.

**Shoes:**

**Girls:** Safety is the rule for all footwear. Heels no higher than 2 inches.

**Boys:** Safety is the rule for all footwear.

**Chapel – Thursdays:**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are not required to wear uniforms on Chapel day but students may choose to wear uniform instead of chapel dress.**

**Girls:** As always, modesty and a good witness for the Lord remains our focus. Dress or a skirt with a blouse (or nice shirt), no t-shirts. Dresses and skirts must follow dress code length (see above).

**Boys:** Modesty and a good witness to the Lord remains our focus. Dress slacks/uniform pants must be worn. Jeans, shorts, and other casual pants are NOT acceptable. Colored shirts are required (polo shirts are okay) and must remain tucked in; straight hemmed shirts may be worn out.

**Homecoming:** Dresses that highlight or emphasize cleavage or have excessively high side slits or low backs (below the bra line) are not permitted. Strapless dresses or dresses with one strap are NOT permitted. Dress/skirt must follow dress code length (see above).

**Elementary School: Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Mondays – Wednesday:** Uniforms

**Thursday:** Chapel dress or uniforms

**Friday:** Spirit wear or uniforms

**Uniform Guidelines:**

**Shirts:** Polo style shirt in gold/yellow, royal/navy blue, or white

**Sweashirts/Cardigans/Sweaters:** Must be plain in either khaki, royal/navy, or gold/yellow

**Pants/Shorts/Skirts/jumpers:** Khaki or navy blue \*Jumpers with a white blouse/shirt attached are acceptable.

**Tights/Leggings/socks:** White, navy blue, or black

\* Please follow the remaining guidelines when purchasing your uniform

**Hair/Make Up:**

**Girls:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. Must be out of the eyes, neat, and clean. No make-up.

**Boys:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. No extreme spikes, stripes, or shaved areas. Must be out of the eyes, neat and clean, above the collar and no longer than mid-ear on the sides. No makeup permitted.

**Hats/Hoods/Beanies:**

**Girls/Boys:** Must be removed before entering the school and worn properly when outdoors.

**Jewelry:**

**Girls:** Must be safe. Piercings other than ear lobe are not permitted. No long dangling earrings (safety is a priority). No tattoos or writing on the skin. No wallet chains.

**Boys:** No heavy metal chains, piercings, tattoos, writing on skin. No wallet chains.

**Dresses/Skirts/Tops (Girls):** No extreme styles. Must be modest. Skirt/Dress Length: must be within the width of a dollar bill above the knee or longer. This length applies to the top of a slit as well. No strapless or tank tops, spaghetti straps, or low-cut tops (front or back). Must NOT reveal chest, tummy, back, underarm area, mid-thigh area, etc. Camisoles are recommended when modesty might be questioned.

**Shirts (Boys):** Undershirts, tank tops or sleeveless shirts must NOT be worn as outerwear.

**Pants/Jeans/Shorts:**

**Girls:** No extreme styles. Modest. P.E. clothes, AVC team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Clothing may NOT be frayed, torn or have holes. Leggings may not be worn as pants. Leggings may only be worn, under dresses, skirts, or tunics that are dress code length (see above). Shorts must be within the width of a dollar bill above the knee or longer.

**Boys:** No extreme styles. Modest, not revealing undergarments or skin. P.E. clothes, AVC team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Pants may NOT be frayed, torn or have holes. Tight fitting SKINNY pants are NOT permitted. Shorts must be within the width of a dollar bill above the knee or longer. Belt buckles must be safe.

**Shoes:**

**Girls/Boys:** Closed-toed shoes are required. Heel straps are required on all shoes. No heels or Heelys.

**Chapel – Thursdays:**

**Uniforms are not required on Chapel day but students may choose to wear uniform instead of chapel dress.**

**Girls:** As always, modesty and a good witness for the Lord remains our focus. Dress or a skirt with a blouse (or nice shirt), no t-shirts. Dresses and skirts must follow dress code length (see above).

**Boys:** Modesty and a good witness to the Lord remains our focus. Dress slacks/uniform pants must be worn. Jeans are NOT acceptable. Colored shirts are required (polo shirts are okay) and must remain tucked in; straight hemmed shirts may be worn out.

**School Spirit Day/Awards - Fridays**

Friday is a School Spirit Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Blue and Gold or spirit wear (and occasionally other theme colors). Elementary teachers submit a "Spirit Count" (the number of items all students in their classrooms are wearing that correspond to the designated colors) before 9:00 a.m. on Spirit Day. The Spirit Award winners are awarded each Friday for grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade do not have to wear uniform dress on Fridays **IF** they wear Spirit Wear, but must follow dress code guidelines.