

Preschool & Elementary Dress Code Guidelines- (approved revision to handbook as of May 2018)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

The goal of our dress code is to establish high Christian standards for our school and our students. The code is meant to foster a student's self-respect and to provide the opportunity for students to make a positive statement in our community.

Elementary & preschool students are required to be in dress code beginning with the first day of school. To the greatest degree possible, uniform guidelines will be followed consistently. (Effort has been made to coordinate the elementary school uniform policy with the preschool uniform program.)

Obedience, even in what may be perceived as minor things, is honoring to God and respectful to classmates who adhere to the uniform dress code. Thank you for reinforcing our core value of obedience by ensuring your child is in uniform dress.

PANTS, SLACKS & SHORTS

These items must be solid navy or khaki without labels. Slacks or carpenter pants are allowed. Cargo pants will not be allowed. Dark blue jeans/jeggings are not considered appropriate uniform attire. For girls, Bermuda style shorts (longer shorts that typically fall approximately one inch above the knee) are preferred. Any other style of shorts needs to fall no more than three inches above the knee.

SKORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES/JUMPERS

These items must be solid navy or khaki only. Only polyester or cotton twill, knit, or jersey fabrics are allowed. The length should be no more than three inches above the top of the knee. (Solid red, navy or white leggings or solid red, navy, white, black, or grey playground shorts are required under any dress, skirt or jumper.) Tulle, lace, denim or other non-traditional uniform style skirts are not allowed.

SOCKS, TIGHTS AND LEGGINGS

Tights and leggings must be solid red, white or navy only. They must be worn only under a skirt or dress, never on their own. They must be void of patterns, decals, stripes, glitter, etc. Socks can be red, white, navy, or gray. Capri or ankle length leggings (solid red, white or navy) are allowed under skirts or dresses. If worn under clothing leggings or tights must remain on the entire day.

SHIRTS

Solid red, white, or navy blue long or short sleeved cotton knit or dri-fit polo shirts. Oxford style (button-down) dress shirts, and Peter-Pan collar blouses are also allowed. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts of any type can be worn. Elementary students must have shirts tucked in at all times. Belts are not required but are recommended.

BELTS

Plain brown, black or navy belts can be worn with pants and shorts but are not required. Belts should have traditional buckles.

SWEATSHIRTS AND SWEATERS

Only solid red, white or navy blue crew-neck sweatshirts and uniform style sweaters and sweater vests are allowed. Sweatshirts and sweaters may not have any logos or emblems outside of our school mascot. Hoodies are not permitted indoors. If a student chooses to wear a hoodie as a jacket during recess, it **must** be removed when returning to the building.

OUTDOOR APPAREL

Any style coat or jacket will be permitted on the playground but never indoors. Hats, gloves, scarves, and any other outdoor attire will not be permitted in the hallways or classrooms.

HATS

Ball caps are not permitted in the building (if worn at recess they must be taken off before entering the building). Snow hats are permitted to be worn only during recess in winter.

SHOES

Traditional tennis shoes are recommended for daily wear due to recess and other activities, and are required for PE days. Tennis shoes must be laced and properly tied at all times. Dress shoes may be worn on non PE days. Not permitted: Wheelie shoes, backless shoes, platform shoes, sandals or clogs and shoes with sounds or gadgets. Boots must be only black or brown, and snow boots can only be brought to be worn during winter recess times and changed upon return to the classroom.

HAIRSTYLES

Hair shall be neat, clean and well-groomed. Hair color should be natural. Hairstyle and color extremes are not acceptable and they cannot distract self or others.

JEWELRY

Jewelry should be worn in moderation. Girls may wear only one pair of traditional pierced earrings and/or a modest necklace. Bracelets and rings are not allowed because they can become toys or be broken/lost easily.

Clothes in disrepair (examples: holes, large snags, obvious stains, etc.) are not permitted.

If clothing items or accessories becomes a distraction or a safety concern, the teacher/principal will have the discretion to ask for a change. These and any other inappropriate dress will be addressed through a dress code violation form.

Dress Code Non-Compliance

Inappropriate dress in preschool or elementary will necessitate the following action: Teachers will complete a dress code violation form which parents will sign and return to school. On-going or serious dress code violations will be brought to the administration's attention. Administration, at their discretion, will take appropriate action which could include requesting a change of appropriate clothing to be brought to school. Failure to conform to established dress code could result in suspension.

Free Dress Day

Free Dress Day is the last Friday of each month and is an opportunity for students to have fun and express themselves through their clothing choices. Expectations of the uniform policy regarding sleeves, shoes, dress, skirt, and short length still apply. On these days students may wear jeans as long as they are in good repair and without holes. Pajamas are not appropriate for Free Dress Days. Students are not permitted to wear graphics/sayings on clothing that are scary, inappropriate for youth, or dishonoring to God. If clothing choices cause a distraction the student will be asked to change into their provided set of spare uniform clothing (Preschool and Kindergarten classes) or if no extra set of clothing is available, parents will be called to bring appropriate attire.