

## Personal Appearance and Dress Code

Appropriate dress at school is a joint responsibility of students and parents. Students are expected to exercise modesty and good judgment in selecting wearing apparel. Clothing acceptable for school-wear must be clean, neat modest and appropriate for a learning environment. Dress code guidelines apply to every day dress; there is no special dress for Chapel days.

Clothing that is torn, threadbare, or frayed is not permitted. Shoes must be worn at all times, and slippers are not defined as shoes. Pierced ears are allowed for girls only. Pierced ears are not permitted for boys. Any other body piercing or tattoos may not be visible at any time. Unusual hairstyles (i.e. mohawks, spikes, dreadlocks, etc.) and hair colors, as determined by the school other areas of clothing. Bandanas may not be worn on campus during or after school.

Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, binders, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any insignia which contain inappropriate innuendo or double meaning, which bear drug, alcohol, or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice. Neither shall these items endorse or represent any band.

Students who are dressed inappropriately will receive a warning and be required to change attire before attending classes. If a change of clothes cannot be provided the student will report to the counselor's office for the school day. Students will receive a verbal warning, and parents will receive a written letter of notice for the first infraction. A second infraction will incur a detention; student will be required to change; and parents notified. If a third offense occurs, parents will be contacted, and the student will be suspended for the day.

### Male Students **May** Wear:

- Collared shirts with long or short sleeves
- Crew neck shirts with long or short sleeves
- Outerwear limited to sweatshirts, sweaters, zip-up jackets, and winter jackets
- Tailored pants, shorts, and jeans worn at the natural waistline
- Hats and hoods except while in a classroom, assembly, or chapel service
- Neat and trimmed hair, no longer than the top of the collar of a dress style shirt in the back and the top of eyebrows in the front. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear lobe with the exception of the Seniors
- Facial hair that is neat and trimmed (**Seniors only**). All other male students must be clean-shaven at all times.

### Female Students **May** Wear:

- Tailored pants, capri pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts worn at the natural waistline
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts no more than 3" above the knee
- Attire that covers the shoulders, back, and midriff at all times (undergarments may not be visible at any time)
- Hats and hoods except while in a classroom, assembly, or chapel service
- Earrings