



CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS STANDARD

PURPOSE AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

It is our desire at Calvary Chapel Christian School of Downey to train our students to become ambassadors in their future work places and educational institutions (ESLR #5). Ambassadors are individuals who represent someone else through their words and actions. One action we have to communicate to others our Christian faith is through the way we dress.

Through these dress code guidelines, we desire to help train our students to "think" about their wardrobe as an opportunity to honor and glorify The Lord. The important concept behind our dress code guidelines is to train a mindset. The main goal is NOT to create a list of rules. Please look through these guidelines with that goal in mind.

The basis for these guide lines is not the school's viewpoint or opinion about current fashion/trends but the basis comes from a health, safety, or modesty issue. **Proper student dress, in association with continual effort for good attitude and behavior, is an important element of our Christian learning environment.**

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Parents are encouraged to guide their children in wearing acceptable dress at school and school events. Students in violation of the Dress Standard will be issued demerits and appropriate clothing to wear (a school uniform) for that day. Clothing that seems appropriate, may not be modest or appropriate when carrying books, wearing a backpack, sitting down (a skirt may rise up), or when the student is bending over (e.g. carrying a load of books may pull a top down in the front. wearing a backpack may lift the shirt up in the back. etc.)

If a student is issued a uniform for the day, a cleaning fee will be charged to the monthly statement for each violation. Demerits will be given to students in dress code violation with shoes, accessories (including hats) and inappropriate hair styles. These violations need to be corrected when the demerits are issued. If necessary, the student will remain in the office until the violation is rectified (e.g. appropriate shoes brought in from home). If a student is in dress code violation at a school event, outside of school hours, demerits will be issued to the student on their return to school.

Three dress code violations will lead to a school uniform being worn by the student for 30 days. If the student fails to adhere to the standard and receives another violation, the student is required to be in uniform for the remainder of the school year. (Parents will be instructed to purchase the appropriate uniform for their child at the Chapel Store.)

The dress standard for boys and girls applies to all student activities (i.e. sporting events, school plays, graduation, etc.) both on and off campus. Students in violation may be denied entrance into the event. ***Administration reserves the right to determine, that which attracts undue or excessive attention to the wearer and that, which is questionable, inappropriate and is considered unacceptable.***



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ALL STUDENTS

All clothing must be in good condition and clean. All clothing must be of appropriate size and must not be too tight or too baggy. **Writing (autographing) on a student's clothing is considered inappropriate.** Writing on hands, arms or other areas of the body is not permitted.

- **Hair and Hairstyles** - Hair must be clean, neat and styled in an attractive manner, and not in the eyes. Main hair color needs to be natural. It is permitted to have colored extensions or a small portion (25%) of the hair dyed an unnatural color as long as it is not extreme and does not draw undue attention. The key is to think "Accent". Accents are permitted; i.e., feathers, extensions, etc. Anything extreme that causes undue attention is not permitted.
 - **PARENTS** – Please consider the cost of your child dyeing their hair or purchasing clothing items that are not in line with our standards before allowing this. Students will be asked to change their hair color or cover their head if their hair does not meet the standard of the school.
- **Clothing, jewelry or accessories** related to a gang will not be permitted on campus or at any school activity. Clothing with slogans, characters and emblems that display behavior or attitudes which do not represent our Lord's standard for us must not be worn
- **Body piercing and tattoos** are discouraged. However, if the student has had this done, tattoos must be discreetly covered while on campus. Tongue rings, nose rings, and jewelry for facial piercing are not acceptable. Writing on hands, arms or other areas of the body is not permitted. Earrings for boys are not permitted. **Your child will be asked to remove facial or nose rings while at school.** Please consider this before allowing them to pierce their faces, tongues, nose, etc.
- **Hats, caps, beanies and hooded apparel** (with hood on the head) may be worn outside only. Hat and baseball caps that do not cover the ears may be worn throughout campus. However, these items may not be worn in Chapel or the Classroom. *This applies to both male and female students.* Monograms should not reflect the attitudes and philosophies of this world. **Administration reserves the right to determine what is acceptable and does not attract undue attention.**

GIRLS

Girls, in 1 Timothy 2:9-10 the Word says, "...in like manner also, the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works."

- **Jewelry** can be worn in moderation but may not draw undue attention to self. Hoops and dangling earrings are acceptable as long as safety is not an issue. Plugs and stretchers are not acceptable
- **Make-up** in moderation may be worn and should not draw undue attention to the student
- **Sunglasses** may be worn outdoors only
- **Shoes, sandals or sturdy flip flops** must be worn at all times. Spike heels, slippers and rubber flip-flops (shower shoes) are not permitted. The width of any heel must be at least the diameter of a dime. All shoes must have a hard sole for safety purposes
- **Appropriate undergarments** are to be worn and must not be visible on female's outer body



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- **Leggings, tights and yoga pants** can be worn under dresses/skirts or pants. However, the dress or skirt must be approximately 5" from the knee. **Tights, yoga pants, leggings jeggings, and any skin tight pants cannot be worn as pants.**

BLOUSES & TOPS

To ensure modesty, all blouses and tops must be of appropriate size and never form fitting or clingy. Absolutely no revealed cleavage will be acceptable. Pictures, slogan shirts or blouses that show or speak of activities not in line with Christian principles are not permitted. Please consider modesty when choosing your clothing.

- Form fitting tops, tops through which undergarments can be seen, tank tops, racer back tanks, tops with spaghetti straps, strapless, halter and crop tops that expose the shoulders or midriff are not permissible
- It is unacceptable to wear any of the above under or over a vest, an open shirt, an open jacket, an open cardigan, sheer blouse or crop top to conceal dress code violations.
- It is acceptable to wear tank tops that have at least a **large enough strap** (to cover undergarments) under a semi-sheer blouse or a top which rises slightly in the front. The tank and top should be of similar color
- It is unacceptable to wear a completely sheer top which the outline of your body is easily seen (even with a tank)
- It is acceptable to wear tops that rise slightly above the line of your jeans in the front as long as the high section is not severe (not much above your belt line with arms hanging) *and* you wear some sort of undershirt (cami or tank) to cover your midriff as you move about
- Sleeveless blouses and dresses may be worn only if the armholes are not so large as to show undergarments and are at least **three inches** wide at the shoulder
- No see-through lace or crochet tops. Lace tops must have a lining which at least meets the semi-sheer with tank top standard
- Blouses and tops must not be low enough to expose cleavage or undergarments. Camisoles or undershirts should be worn to enhance the modesty of a low top. The outline of a female student's underwear must not be visible through her clothing

DRESSES & SKIRTS

The bodice of a dress must meet the same guidelines as that of a blouse.

- The hemline must not be shorter than **five** inches from the knee
- Hemlines with slits above the knee are acceptable only when the side or back slit is not more than two and a half inches from the floor when kneeling. *Front slits are not acceptable at any length*
- When wearing a dress, stomachs and lower backs must be covered and not visible at any time
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn

SHORTS/SKORTS

- The hemline must not be shorter than **six** inches from the knee



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- Short-shorts, shorts with lace, spandex shorts alone (including bike shorts), frayed shorts, shorts with holes, are not acceptable. Please keep modesty in mind when choosing shorts. Shorts should never be tight for the sake of modesty

PANTS, JEANS, AND CAPRIS

These articles of clothing must be of appropriate size and never tight

- When the outline of a girl's underwear can be seen through her pants or jeans, it is considered inappropriate and not acceptable
- Pants that have holes, are frayed (even if purchased frayed), excessively worn, faded, or dirty are not acceptable. Jeans that are bought either entirely faded or with reasonable faded areas are acceptable
- Lounge wear, sweats, or pajama bottoms may not be worn on campus
- Tights, yoga pants, leggings, and jeggings cannot be worn as pants

BOYS

Boys, in 2 Corinthians 1:12 it says, "For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you."

Boys must be neatly dressed at school, wearing clothing that portrays Christ-like character to the world as well as fellow believers. Wearing of female clothing will not be tolerated.

SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

- Shoes, sandals or sturdy flip flops must be worn at all times. Rubber flip-flops (shower shoes) and slippers are not appropriate footwear. All shoes must have a hard sole for safety purposes
- Any type of earring, plug, stretcher or any jewelry for facial piercing may not be worn

SHORTS AND PANTS

- Shorts, pants or jeans must be of appropriate size, not too baggy or too tight and must be worn so that undergarments are not visible
- Cut-offs, pants, or shorts that have holes, are frayed (even if purchase frayed), excessively worn, are not acceptable. Jeans that are bought faded are acceptable
- Lounge wear, sweats, or pajama bottoms may not be worn on campus

SHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS

Sleeveless T-shirts are permitted as long as the sleeves are not cut-off or bought with a ragged edge. Sleeveless T-shirts must fit appropriately, not exposing the chest. Button-up shirts must be fastened to the top two buttons if no undershirt is worn. Monograms and pictures on t-shirts should not reflect the attitudes and philosophies of this world

FORMAL WEAR – PURPOSE AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

Please be aware that students may bring in their garments for review by an Administrator prior to the event for approval if desired.



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Please review and adhere to the following guidelines

GIRLS FORMAL WEAR

The top of a formal gown should be modest.

- Strapless, off the shoulder, halter-tops or halter-dresses are **not acceptable**
- Spaghetti straps or any strap under one and half inches may **only** be worn **under** a sweater, jacket, or bolero. **These cover-ups must be worn at all times during the event.** They may not be sheer materials. Straps should not be seen
- **All single strap dresses must be pre-approved by Administration**
- If the dress has at least one and a half inch straps, a cover-up does not need to be worn. (If cleavage shows, a jacket to cover up will be required)
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn. Cleavage, stomachs and lower backs must be covered and **not visible** at any time. The back of the dress must not exceed one inch below the shoulder blade
- Please be aware that any violation of this standard will result in the student either being denied entrance to the event or the student will be given a shawl or tights to cover up or fix the violation. No refunds will be given to a student turned away because of a Dress Code or any other violation.

The hemline of a formal gown should be modest.

- Suggested hemline length for formal events such as the Prom should come to knee length, tea length or longer
- Hemlines must not be shorter than five inches from the floor when kneeling. Please be aware that some dress hemlines may rise with movement and may lead to a violation of CCCS standard
- Slits are limited to knee height and cannot rise to more than four inches above the knee when seated

Shoes

Choose shoes that have a modest heel for comfort and safety. Spike heels and rubber flip flops are not permitted for formal events. The width of the heel must be at least the diameter of a dime. Consider the location of the event and dress accordingly. Practice walking in your heels prior to the event

BOYS FORMAL WEAR

- Formal attire is defined as a properly fitted tuxedo, dress suit, or sport coat and slacks
- Minimum requirement would be long sleeve dress shirt, a tie, long pants and dress shoes
- Earrings for boys are not acceptable
- Any form of body piercing is not acceptable

Outside Guests



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- Outside guests are expected to adhere to CCCS Dress Standard Guidelines. Your guest will not be permitted to enter the event if he/she is not in compliance
- Boys should give their female guest a copy of this guideline to assure that they are not turned away from the event

Students in violation will be issued clothing to be worn during the entire event
or be denied entrance into the event.

Administration reserves the right in all cases to determine what is appropriate and what may attract undue attention to the student. Thank you for your cooperation!