

## Elementary (Grades K5-6) Dress Code

***Information highlighted is new for the 2025-2026 school year.***

The purpose of our school dress code is to ensure students dress in a manner consistent with Biblical principles of modesty, a priority on neatness, safety, and comfort, and also to facilitate a positive community atmosphere. The elementary dress code is shaped by biblical principles, the school's mission and values, and our perspective of what is appropriate for our unique school setting.

The faculty and administration take responsibility for managing the dress code to ensure that reasonable fashions can be accommodated while minimizing an overemphasis on the outward appearance. **As our policy reflects the philosophy of the school, we ask our parents to also dress appropriately and with respect to the spirit of the dress code when on campus or attending a school function. We respectfully ask parents to assist the school by purchasing only approved apparel for their students and insisting that their student comes to school dressed according to school policy.** If students are not in dress code, parents may be requested to bring proper apparel to school. This will strengthen our partnership with a unified philosophy and example to our students. Please note that students are expected to wear clothing that is distinctive to their biological sex at birth.

### **SHORTS:**

- Uniform style shorts of a solid color are permitted (cargo, denim, tight or athletic shorts are not acceptable).
- Must be no shorter than 2" above the top of the knee.

### **PANTS for BOYS:**

- Denim or uniform style pants of a solid color without holes and proper fitting are permitted (athletic pants/sweatpants are not acceptable).

### **PANTS for GIRLS:**

- Denim or uniform style cotton twill, drawstring linen, or palazzo style pants without tears or holes and loose fitting are permitted.
- Capri pants are permitted (athletic pants/sweatpants are not acceptable).
- Leggings are only to be worn under dresses (Flare leggings, jeggings, or loose fitting leggings are not acceptable).

### **SKIRTS, SKORTS or DRESSES for GIRLS:**

- Skirts, skorts, and dresses must be loose fitting and must be no shorter than 2" above the top of the knee.
- Dark shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses.
- Sleeveless dresses that cover from neck to shoulder are permitted.

### **SHIRTS for BOYS:**

- Collared and Henley shirts are permitted.
- Nicer solid colored t-shirts are permitted.
- UGCS spirit apparel, church/evangelistic related shirts, and appropriate recognizable brand logos (i.e. Nike, Adidas, Vineyard Vines, etc) are permitted.
- Clothing promoting individuals, movies, music groups, and political parties is not permitted even in the Christian realm.

**SHIRTS for GIRLS:**

- Sleeveless shirts that cover from neck to shoulder are permitted (tank tops, crop shirts, low-cut shirts, and keyhole backs are not acceptable).
- All undergarments must be covered.
- UGCS spirit apparel, church/evangelistic related shirts, and appropriate recognizable brand logos (i.e. Nike, Adidas, Vineyard Vines, etc) are permitted.
- Clothing promoting individuals, movies, music groups, and political parties is not permitted even in the Christian realm.

**OUTERWEAR:**

- Hoodies/sweatshirts and zip collared pullovers that are solid colored or follow the guidelines for the writing on shirts is allowed. Hoods are not to be worn on the head during school hours.
- Jackets/Coats may not be worn in the classrooms. Consider sending a solid colored hoodie or sweater with your child for the classroom.

**SHOES:**

- Tennis shoes or other closed-toes shoes are preferred as students play outside on the playground everyday.
- Flip flops or high heeled shoes are not acceptable.

**HAIR/FACIAL HAIR:**

- Fad hairstyles, mullets, bleach, and artificial coloring is not acceptable.
- Boys' hair should be neatly cut and tapered in the back and sides. It should not hang below the eyebrows.
- Girls' hair should be neatly cut and natural in color.
- Hats during school hours are not acceptable.

**JEWELRY:**

- Girls - no more than 3 sets of earrings (other piercings and tattoos of any kind are not acceptable)
- Boys - earrings, piercings, tattoos of any kind are not acceptable; necklaces and chains must not be exposed (emergency ID bracelets required for health reasons are permitted).

**GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETIC GAME DRESS:**

It is our desire that our fans and teams are classy and look sharp. Therefore, if students dress immodestly or inappropriately, a notice will be given the next school day and further disciplinary action will occur for continued infractions.

- Students attending athletic events, either home or away, may wear proper loose-fitting school standard jeans and Spirit Wear attire. No holes and/or rips in attire.
- Spectators may wear proper fitting shorts. The shorts should be no shorter than finger tip length and are not to be rolled up at the waist to make them shorter.
- (Girls) Leggings may be worn ONLY if a long shirt is worn over them to cover the back.