

# APPEARANCE POLICY

The following factors are taken into consideration in developing an appearance policy:

1. Biblical exhortations regarding modesty, moderation, and propriety.
2. Appropriateness for the activity
  - not too casual, which encourages a playful atmosphere
  - not too formal, considering the nature of children and young adults
3. Effect of orderliness in appearance on self image, respect for others, and a positive learning environment without distractions
4. Understanding of the trends in styles, availability of apparel, and the desire to keep costs reasonable

It is essential that students, parents, and faculty members adhere to the program on a daily basis because the personal appearance of each member of the student body reflects upon the entire school. Students are expected to dress in a neat and modest fashion, appropriate for the activities in which the students are involved.

*The following list is for students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Early Education (K3-Kindergarten) students may wear clothing of any type that does not have inappropriate writing or pictures.*

## ACCEPTABLE

**GIRLS:** all tops must be no lower than 4 closed-finger widths from collar bone

**GIRLS:** tank tops and camisoles worn under sweaters, shirts, & tops must be no lower than 4 closed-finger widths from collar bone; must **completely cover** bust line and midriff and be loose fitting, if visible. Sleeveless tops and blouses must fit the total width of the shoulder.

**GIRLS:** dresses and jumpers that are no more than 2" above the knee

**ALL STUDENTS:** (Tops/shirts can have no writing or pictures except Calvary related)

- Collared polo-style shirts
- Collared button-up shirt
- Turtle/mock neck shirt
- Dressy-style blouses and tops (i.e. "baby dolls")
- Zip-up hoodie or jacket with dress code approved top underneath (logo must be no more than 2" unless it is a Calvary logo)
- Sweaters
  - button up (cardigan)
  - crew neck pullover
  - v neck with crew neck or dress code approved top underneath
- Outerwear (garments to keep you warm) logo must be no more than 2" unless it is a Calvary logo
- Casual and cargo-style pants
- Walking and cargo-style shorts that are no more than 2" above the knee
- Skirts that are no more than 2" above the knee
- Skorts that are no more than 2" above the knee
- Capris
- Leggings with approved length dress or skirt
- Pants or shorts worn at the natural waist
- Pants or shorts that are loose fitting
- Sandals or flip-flops

## **UNACCEPTABLE**

**BOYS:** hair that is over the eyebrows, collar or mid-ear

**BOYS:** facial hair

### **ALL STUDENTS:**

- Crew neck T-shirts unless under a sweater
- Pull-over hoodie
- Pull-over sweatshirt
- Tank tops or camisoles (unless covered by a dress code approved top)
- Spaghetti straps or halter tops
- Any shirt that covers the midriff, but moves to reveal the midriff when the student sits or reaches
- Sportswear material or athletic-style shorts or pants
- Shorts or pants (and jeans on Friday) with frayed areas, holes or patches
- Pants or jeans that are too tight; no “skinny” styles
- Low riders or hip-hugger style pants, shorts, or jeans on Friday
- Chains on belt or wallet
- Any item with spikes
- Hats and caps worn inside the building or classrooms
- Visible tattoos and body piercing (other than earring for girls)

### **FRIDAY DRESS**

- In addition to regular dress code, students may wear CCS, clearly Christian (positive, uplifting imagery/message) or plain T-shirts, or CCS hoodies/sweatshirts. (T-shirts must be outerwear – no “Hanes” or “Fruit of the Loom” undershirts.)
- Modestly loose fitting jeans (with no holes or frays) are allowed and must be worn at the natural waist – **no “skinny” style jeans.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Boys’ shirts must be tucked in at all times (except on Fridays)
- Boys must have belts on at all times
- Jewelry and makeup is to be neat and simple
- Hair is to be clean, neatly groomed, and trimmed. Students are not to wear extremes in hairstyles or hair colors
- Students are not permitted to wear camouflage items
- Boys are to be clean-shaven

### **SCHOOL-SPONSORED, ATHLETIC, AFTER-SCHOOL, OR RECREATIONAL/RETREAT ACTIVITIES**

Regular school clothes, warm-ups, sweats, or other recreational wear is appropriate. Shorts may be worn that extend to mid-thigh or no less than a four inch (4”) inseam. Pictures and logos are fine if they are conservative. Boys must wear shirts and girls’ tops must be modest in appearance. (No halter-tops, backless or strapless tops allowed. Midriff must be covered and the bust line may not be revealing in any way.)

### **FORMAL OCCASIONS**

Some occasions require a more formal appearance. Boys should wear a suit and tie or tuxedo. Girls’ dresses must completely cover bust-line and midriff, and not extend below mid-back.

**Every effort has been made to be clear; however, if an interpretation is to be made, the school administration will have the final say.**