



## DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

July 1, 2018

**Parental Responsibility:** Remember – because children are under parental authority and parents have chosen this school, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children are in appropriate attire on campus as well as at school activities and special functions. AVCS dress code is required at ALL school activities, both on and off campus. If students are out of dress code, they will be assigned demerits in accordance with the Demerit System.

**General Guidelines:** Modesty is expected, with no extremes. All clothing must fit properly. Pants must fit at the waist, not sagged or baggy. Clothing may not be tight or form fitting. All clothes must be clean, without holes and properly hemmed. Clothing may not have prominent skulls, promote violence, promiscuity, or advertise products, bands, shows, movies, etc. Final say on acceptability rests with the appropriate principal.

### **Middle School and High School Girls**

- **Hair:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. Must be out of the eyes, neat and clean.
- **Hats/Hoods/Beanies:** Must be removed before entering the school and worn properly when outdoors.
- **Make Up:** No extreme make-up or colors.
- **Jewelry:** Must be safe. Piercings other than ear lobe are not permitted. No tattoos or writing on the skin.
- **Dresses/Skirts/Tops:** No extreme styles. Skirt/Dress Length: No more than 2 inches from the floor when kneeling. This length applies to the top of a slit as well. No strapless, bra-less, tank, spaghetti straps or low-cut (front or back). Must be modest, not revealing cleavage, tummy, back, underarm area, thigh area, etc. Camisoles are recommended when modesty might be questioned. Leggings are NOT considered pants. When wearing leggings, tops, skirts, and dresses must still be no more than 2 inches from the floor when kneeling. When in question it will be measured.
- **Pants/Jeans/Shorts:** No extreme styles. Must be modest. P.E. clothes, AVCS team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Jeans may NOT be frayed, torn, or have holes. Leggings are NOT considered pants. When wearing leggings, they must be worn with a top, dress, or skirt that is no shorter than 2 inches from the floor when kneeling. Shorts must be no more than 2 inches from the floor when kneeling. When in question, it will be measured.
- **Shoes:** Safety is the rule for all footwear.
- **Chapel:** Chapel dress will no longer be required but remains optional if parents prefer it. From our perspective and experience, we have more dress code violations on Chapel day than any other day, partly due to the current fashion choices available. The real issue is an attitude of the heart. As always, modesty and a good witness for the Lord remains our focus.
- **Homecoming:** Dresses that highlight or emphasize cleavage or have excessively high side slits or low backs (below the bra line) are not permitted. Strapless dresses or dresses with one strap are NOT permitted.

### **Middle School and High School Boys**

- **Hair:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. No spikes, stripes, or shaven areas. Must be out of the eyes, neat and clean, eyebrow-length or shorter, above the collar and no longer than mid-ear on the sides. Neatly trimmed facial hair is permitted for *High School only*. Stubble or extreme styles are not permitted.
- **Hats/Hoods/Beanies:** Must be removed before entering the school and worn properly when outdoors
- **Jewelry:** No heavy metal chains, piercings, tattoos, writing on skin.
- **Shirts:** Undershirts, tank tops or sleeveless shirts must NOT be worn as outerwear.
- **Pants/Jeans/Shorts:** No extreme styles. Modest, not revealing undergarments or skin. P.E. clothes, AVCS team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Some approved exceptions

are made for game days. Dress code compliant athletic wear is acceptable. Pants may NOT be frayed, torn, or have holes. Tight-fitting “skinny” pants are NOT permitted. Shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the ground when kneeling. Belt buckles must be safe.

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### Elementary Girls

- **Hair/Make Up:** No extreme hairstyles or colors. Must be out of the eyes, neat, and clean.
- **Jewelry:** Must be safe. Piercings other than ear lobe are not permitted. No tattoos or writing on the skin.
- **Dresses/Skirts/Tops:** No extreme styles. Modest. MID THIGH IS TOO SHORT WITH OR WITHOUT LEGGINGS. Just above the knee is acceptable. No strapless or tank tops, spaghetti straps, cut-out/cut-in tops, or low-cut tops (front or back). Must NOT reveal chest, tummy, back, underarm area, mid-thigh area, etc. Camisoles are recommended when modesty might be questioned.
- **Pants/Jeans/Shorts:** No extreme styles. Modest. P.E. clothes, AVCS team uniforms, sweats, etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Clothing may NOT be frayed, torn or have holes. Leggings are NOT considered pants (see above) and must be worn with appropriate dress code-compliant cover. MID-THIGH IS TOO SHORT for shorts.
- **Shoes:** Closed-toed shoes are required. Heel straps are required on all shoes.
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- **Jewelry:** No heavy metal chains, piercings, tattoos, writing on skin.
- **Shirts:** Undershirts, tank tops or sleeveless shirts must NOT be worn as outerwear.
- **Pants/Jeans/Shorts:** No extreme styles. Modest, not revealing undergarments or skin. Athletic wear, sweats etc. are NOT to be worn during school hours. Dress code compliant athletic wear is acceptable. Pants may NOT be frayed, torn or have holes. Tight fitting SKINNY pants are NOT permitted. MID THIGH IS TOO SHORT for shorts. Belt buckles must be safe.
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### School Spirit Day/Awards

Friday is a School Spirit Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear Blue and gold (and occasionally other theme colors). Elementary teachers submit a "Spirit Count" (the number of items all students in their classrooms are wearing that correspond to the designated colors) before 9:00 a.m. on Spirit Day. The Spirit Award winners are awarded each Friday for grades K-2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.