

Rationale For A CCS Dress Code

Personal dress and appearance offer a good opportunity to show consideration towards each other and to honor God as well as to express our own individuality. Students are asked to abide by some general guideline in this area because the way we dress can reflect our feelings and attitudes and affect our actions and behavior. This is an area where individual preferences sometimes must be denied for the common good.

Parents and maturing students are encouraged to make thoughtful choices. In general, a student's appearance should not be distracting or call undue attention to himself or herself. Parents and staff will be cooperatively responsible for enforcement of the dress code.

Guidelines

1. A student's grooming should be neat, clean and in good taste. Clothing should be properly repaired, manageable and appropriate for the season and activity.
2. Outdoor apparel, including hats, are not to be worn in the classroom.
3. Shorts should be of respectable length. Tight fitting shorts, short shorts, or cut-off shorts are not allowed.
4. Dresses, shirts and tops should cover the midriff (when standing or sitting) and the top of the shoulder. No tank tops or spaghetti straps will be allowed.
5. Students must wear shoes during the school day. Loose-fitting footwear may not be worn during recess or p.e. activities.
6. Discretion must be used in wearing pictorial or slogan-bearing shirts. The staff reserves the right to judge whether or not such items are offensive.
7. Judgment regarding the appropriateness of student's appearance will be made by the staff. Students will be consulted privately and informed of dress code infractions. If such infractions are not rectified, parents will be notified.

Practical Considerations

1. Boots must be worn when the weather dictates. Students in grades K-5 are asked to keep an extra pair of "mud shoes" at school to be worn during wet weather.
2. Students are responsible for their own clothing and other belongings. Clothing, lunch boxes, tote bags, etc. should be labeled.
3. A "lost and found" is located in the school office for items left by the students. Parents and students are encouraged to check it periodically. At the end of each year, all items left at the school are donated to the CCS Thrift Store.