

STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognize that standards of dress vary greatly among families, but our goal is that our students develop a desire to dress in a manner that would be pleasing to God. While opinions about dress may vary among even Christians, our goal is to teach our students the importance of modesty and restraint with regard to their outward appearance. Clothes, accessories, and jewelry must not be a distraction or hindrance to the learning process. Children should avoid drawing attention to themselves via fashions or hair style. We believe that our clothing is a reflection of our heart, and as a result, modesty is important to our Lord and Savior. We ask parents to review the dress code at the beginning of each year to ensure that their children comply with it. Please monitor your child's clothing and accessories to avoid wasting our teachers' time and possibly embarrassing your child.

Students are required to be clean, neat, and modest in appearance. C.E.A. has established the following standards:

- Shirts with logos/words must be in good taste and consistent with a Christian testimony; button-style shirts must be buttoned; shirt-tail (curved) style shirts must be tucked in.
- No sleeveless shirts/blouses are permitted, nor are tight, "form fitting" sweaters, shirts, etc. A student's midriff should not show when he/she places a hand on top of his/her head while standing up straight.
- During warm weather months (August, September, April and May) male students may wear knee-length, tailored shorts, but not "cut-offs." Female students may wear "crop pants" as long as they are not tight fitting.
- Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Longer dresses and skirts having slits must not have the opening higher than three inches above the knee.
- Slacks and jeans must be neat and presentable (no hip-hugger style jeans or slacks; no pajama-style slacks; no patchwork or frayed clothes with holes, tears, ragged edges, etc.)
- Extremely tight or loose fitting clothing is not permitted.
- Students may wear up to two rings per hand, a watch and one bracelet; girls may wear no more than two necklaces and one pair of small earrings; (no large, dangling earrings); ankle bracelets and toe rings are not permitted.
- Boys are *not* permitted to wear jewelry which has traditionally been considered "feminine," i.e. earrings, necklaces, with the exception of a cross or Christian necklace.
- Hair must be clean, combed, and neatly kept; no "extreme" hairstyles designed to draw attention to the individual are permitted. Female middle school and high school students wishing to *lightly* highlight their hair are free to do so, but parents should understand that "extreme" changes will not be permitted.
- Male students are not permitted to highlight/color their hair. Boys' hair must be off the collar and off the ears; no facial hair is permitted.
- Sunglasses, hats, bandanas (including hair bandanas) and casual "flip flop" or "slide" shoes are not to be worn.
- Make-up is not permitted for students in 3rd through 6th grades. Older girls are permitted to wear make-up if it is lightly applied and in good taste. Again, no extremes.