

Dress Code

At Covenant Day School, we strive to mold the heart and character of students, guiding them to make good moral choices that are founded on biblical principles rather than merely conforming to a list of rules. We expect our students, therefore, to exemplify biblical standards in their dress as well as their attitudes and lifestyles and to encourage other students to do likewise. Further, we encourage parental direction and support since the burden of supervision rests with the parents. This position in the area of dress gives our students responsible freedom to make wise decisions based on the following guiding principles and specific rules:

Guiding Principles:

1. Modesty and moderation. Decent, simple, non-extreme dress is an outward sign of self-control. The Bible directs us to clothe ourselves with strength, dignity, honor, good deeds, and humility. Immodest and inappropriate clothing at Covenant Day School includes tight, short, revealing, or lewd clothing, as well as overly sloppy clothing.
2. Cleanliness and neatness. Dirty, unwashed and unkempt clothing or appearances are not permitted. We are to honor God with our bodies.
3. Appropriateness. Clothing should be appropriate for school. As there is a time and place for everything, there are appropriate clothes for other places that should not be worn to school.

Specific Standards for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

- Hair must be clean, neat, well-groomed, and in traditional styles. Boys hair should be kept in moderate length, should not hamper vision, and should be in natural hair colors only.
- Boys' shirts must have collars and be tucked in at all times.
- Girls' blouses and tops must have sleeves and a modest neckline – cleavage should not be exposed. Girls' blouses and tops are to be tucked in unless specifically designed to be untucked. T-shirts are not to be worn as tops unless CDS is imprinted on the t-shirt. Midriffs and backs must be completely covered at all times, whether sitting or standing. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- CDS t-shirts, long or short sleeve, are acceptable, but must be tucked in. These MUST have "CDS" imprinted on the t-shirt.
- Tight fitting clothing is not permitted.
- Girls' skirts, including slit, must be modest in length – reaching closer to the knee than mid-thigh.
- Walking shorts of modest length (reaching closer to knee than mid-thigh) are permitted.
- Pants, skirts, and shorts must be clean and neat, not frayed, dirty, or torn. Jeans may not be worn. Pants for boys must not sag or reveal underwear.
- Students are not permitted to wear hats or sunglasses at school.

Students in violation of the dress code will be given a high school Discipline Referral and must correct the infraction before returning to class.