

DRESS CODE POLICY FOR UMPQUA VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1.0 PURPOSE

As a Christian institution, we believe it is vitally important for our students to learn how to apply God's word to every area of life. We believe the focus should be on teaching principles that apply in dress code and grooming issues. The goal is to enable students to dress in a spirit or attitude that reflects the values of Jesus.

2.0 POLICY

The principles from God's word that we believe should govern our dress and grooming.

- 2.1 Students should honor the Lord and their parents in their dress grooming (I Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 6:1-3).
- 2.2 Students should dress and groom in a modest way (I Timothy 2:9, Romans 14:13-15).
- 2.3 Students should dress and groom in a manner that focuses on learning and being a student. This means a student should dress in a manner that is appropriate to what they are doing, just as an athlete wears a uniform for a particular sport (II Timothy 2:4-5).
- 2.4 Students should dress and groom in a gender appropriate manner (I Corinthians 11:14).
- 2.5 Students should not be trying to focus attention on themselves by their dress or grooming. Nor should students dress or groom in a manner that would be a hindrance to the work of the gospel.
- 2.6 Students should not dress or groom in a manner that would be a stumbling block to others. Literally students should not dress in a way that would cause another student to disobey God (Romans 14:13).
- 2.7 Students should be humble and teachable with regard to their dress and grooming (James 4:6).

3.0 GENERAL

3.1 Standards for boys and girls

- 3.1.1 Clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair, and appropriately sized. **Jeans with holes, rips, or tears may only be worn on Fridays (or the last day of the week);** jeans purposefully designed with rips and tears must still comply with 3.2.2 (not see through!) and skin must be fully covered at the same length as shorts (3.2.4)] (2.2, 2.3, 2.5).
- 3.1.2 Hats may not be worn in class (2.3).
- 3.1.3 Footwear must be worn at all times (2.3).
- 3.1.4 Unnaturally colored hair (blue, green, etc.) is not acceptable except for spirit week (2.2).
- 3.1.5 Visible tattoos may not be worn (2.5).
- 3.1.6 Emblems or jewelry with new age or occult symbols, punk or rock slogans that are secular, worldly, or carnal may not be worn (2.1).
- 3.1.7 There are to be no undergarment-type clothing showing, such as bras, sports bras, boxers, or long underwear.
- 3.1.8 No body piercing is allowed (2.3).
- 3.1.9 **Shorts must be no shorter than fingertips hanging at your side. Athletic shorts are not approved shorts. Volleyball shorts may not be worn outside the gym (2.1).**
- 3.1.10 **Sweatpants and joggers are only allowed on Fridays (or the last day of the week) (2.1).**

3.2 Standards specifically for girls

- 3.2.1 Blue jeans may be worn but there may not be any skin showing between pants and the top (2.2).
- 3.2.2 Blouses, skirts, or dresses that can be seen through may not be worn. Knit shirts may be worn (2.2).
- 3.2.3 Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than the kneecap. If the outfit has a slit, it must be modest and no higher than the knee. Necklines must be modest. Dresses shorter than the kneecap may be worn with leggings (2.2).
- 3.2.4 Girls may wear a total of 4 earrings (2.3, 2.5).
- 3.2.5 Banquet dress length must comply with the school dress code and the neckline must be modest (2.2).
- 3.2.6 Leggings, tights, yoga pants, athletic pants, and compression pants require front and back coverage down to the fingertips hanging at your side.

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3.3 Standards specifically for boys

- 3.3.1 Earrings may not be worn (2.5, 2.6).
- 3.3.2 Hair must be neatly groomed (2.4).
- 3.3.3 Facial hair must be neatly groomed.

3.4 Standards for P.E.

- 3.4.1 **T-shirts, tank tops, and athletic shorts or pants are to be worn. Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Gym shoes must be worn. Students should bring P.E.-specific clothes so as not to get their school clothes sweaty (2.2, 2.3).**

3.5 Please note: If your student is not appropriately dressed for school, parents will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school for the student.

3.6 Student visitors need to be in dress code when they come to our campus.

4.0 Chapel Dress

4.1 Standards for boys

- 4.1.1 No shorts of any kind may be worn during chapel unless it's special activities (Spirit Week).
- 4.1.2 Long pants in good repair will be worn (jeans are ok, joggers and sweats are not).
- 4.1.3 Collared shirt. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence or any other sinful activity.

4.2 Standards for girls

- 4.2.1 No shorts of any kind may be worn during chapel unless it's special activities (Spirit Week).
- 4.2.2 Long pants in good repair will be worn (jeans are ok, joggers, leggings and sweats are not)
- 4.2.3 An appropriate nice shirt or blouse may be worn
- 4.2.4 Dresses / skirts must meet standards listed above

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