

Appendix 3 – Umpqua Valley Christian School Dress Code Policy

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.

Policy: The principles from God’s Word that we believe should govern our dress and grooming.

*Students should honor the Lord and their parents in their dress/grooming (I Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 6:1-3).

*Students should dress and groom in a modest way (I Timothy 2:9, Romans 14:13 – 15).

*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).

*Students should dress and groom in a gender-appropriate manner (I Corinthians 11:14).

*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.

*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).

*Students should be humble and teachable with regard to their dress and grooming (James 4:6).

General:

Standards for boys and girls

*Clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair, and appropriately sized. Jeans with holes, rips, or tears at the knee or below may only be worn on Fridays.

*Hats may not be worn in class.

*Footwear must be worn at all times.

*Unnaturally colored hair (blue, green, etc.) is not acceptable except for spirit week.

*Tattoos may not show.

*Emblems or jewelry with new age or occult symbols, slogans that are secular, worldly, or carnal may not be worn.

*There is to be no undergarment-type clothing showing (bras, sports bras, boxers, underwear, or long underwear).

*No visible body piercing is allowed to be worn with the exclusions for girls of earrings and one (1) stud in the side of the nose.

*Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Athletic shorts are not approved shorts. Volleyball shorts may not be worn outside the gym.

*Sweatpants and joggers are only allowed on Fridays (or the last day of the school week).

Standards specifically for girls

*Blue jeans may be worn but there may not be any skin showing between pants and the top.

*Blouses, skirts, or dresses that can be seen through may not be worn. Knit shirts may be worn.

*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.

*Banquet dress length must comply with the school dress code and the neckline must be modest.

*Leggings, tights, yoga pants, athletic pants, and compression pants, can only be worn on under a skirt, except on Fridays, when front and back coverage is required.

Standards specifically for boys

*No visible body piercing is allowed to be worn including earrings, nose piercings, etc.

*Hair must be neatly groomed.

*Facial hair must be neatly groomed.

Standards for PE

*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 PE-specific clothes so as not to get their school clothes sweaty.

Please note the following:

*If your child is not appropriately dressed for school, parents will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school for the student.

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

Chapel dress

Standards for pre-school through 5th grade

*The general dress code policy and standards listed above apply (i.e. no difference for chapel day).

Standards for 6th grade through 12th grade for boys

*No t-shirts, hoodies, or sweatshirts may be worn on chapel day with the exception of special activities such as Spirit Week.

*Young men will wear long pants and a collared shirt. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence, or any other sinful activity.

Standards for 6th grade through 12th grade for girls

*No, t-shirts, hoodies, or sweatshirts may be worn on chapel day with the exception of special activities such as Spirit Week.

*Young women will wear dresses, skirts, or long pants and shirts meeting the standards listed above. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence, or any other sinful activity.