



CATHEDRAL ACADEMY

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"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:1-2

There are two primary reasons for a dress code. The first is to insure modesty which the Bible encourages (1 Tim. 2:9). The second is to encourage a dignity that is appropriate for the Academy. The dress code of Cathedral Academy impacts our Academy environment every day. The appearance of our students communicates the Christ-centered focus of our Academy and should be a valuable testimony in establishing our reputation as an outstanding Academy with superior students. The dress code is established to provide guidelines for parents and students on appropriate school dress. A well-groomed, attractive student should come to the Academy with an attitude that prepares him for neat, conscientious work. His attire should convey respect for himself, his fellow students, and his teachers.

The Dress Code for Cathedral Academy students is a direct outgrowth of its Mission Statement. As such, the following dress code was carefully formulated and adopted in support of the spirit, the purpose, and the reason Cathedral Academy exists. The dress code applies to students when school is in session on the school campus from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dress for extra-curricular events will be specified for appropriateness.

- Implementation of the dress practice is the responsibility of each parent and child.
- The Cathedral Academy Administration reserves the right to determine the acceptability of students' clothing and/or hairstyles and **that decision is final.**

DAILY MANDATORY DRESS POLICIES

BOYS

Pants – Boys are to wear pants or knee length shorts. Baggy, oversized, faded, frayed, and/or torn pants are not appropriate. Camouflage or nylon pants are not permitted. The waist band of the pants must rest above the hips. Denim blue jeans are only allowed on Spirit Fridays.

Shirts – *Graphics or logos, in good taste, smaller than a hand are permitted on the upper right or left side of t-shirts or sweatshirts.* Athletic jerseys are not allowed at anytime. Over-sized t-shirts are not allowed.

Undergarments – Appropriate undergarments are to be worn at all times and are not to be visible.

Belts – Belts are required and are to be fed through all loops and rest on top of the hips.

Shoes – Closed-toed shoes or athletic shoes are to be worn at all times. Socks should be worn for sanitary reasons. **Flip-flops and athletic slides are not permitted.**

Hair – Hair is to be kept in a conservative style, clearly off the collar, clearly off the eyebrows and clearly no lower than the ear. Hair that is dyed or styled in an extreme manner is not permitted. **Facial hair is not permitted.**

Makeup – Makeup is not permitted.

Jewelry – Necklaces may be worn within the shirt collar. Visible body piercing is not permitted. Earrings are not permitted.

Tattoos – Tattoos should not be visible at any time, temporary or permanent.

GIRLS

Pants – Girls may wear modest pants (relaxed fit), shorts (to the knee) or capris that are appropriate in size and fit. Girls are not to wear camouflage, nylon pants, or overalls. Styles to be avoided include: slim fit, jean cut, low-cut waist, hip huggers, low riders, pajama style, sweatpants, wind suit pants, and army fatigues. Fabrics to be avoided include: stretch, knit, jersey, denim, flannel, parachute fabric, velvet, and leather. Waist bands must rest above the hips. **Denim blue jeans are only allowed on Spirit Fridays.**

Skirts and Dresses – Skirts must be knee length. Dresses must be knee length and must not expose cleavage.

Blouses and Shirts – Shirts are to be worn that are modest and appropriate in size and fit. Over-sized t-shirts are not allowed. Shirts may be worn tucked in or left out as long as they extend below the waist. *Graphics or logos, in good taste, smaller than a hand are permitted on the upper right or left side of t-shirts or sweatshirts.* Athletic jerseys are not allowed at anytime. No midriff length tops are permitted. Tops are not permitted that expose cleavage, nor are tops permitted that are deemed too tight.

Undergarments – Appropriate, adequate undergarments must be worn at all times and are not to be visible.

Shoes – Closed-toed shoes with socks or open-toed shoes without socks are to be worn at all times. Athletic shoes are acceptable. Platform shoes, including platform tennis shoes, and **flip-flops are not permitted**, including flip-flops with heels.

Hair – Hair should be neatly styled and should not be colored or styled in an extreme manner.

Makeup – If makeup is worn, it should be minimal and should not draw attention. Nail polish should be confined to single tasteful colors. Students may be required to remove makeup if requested to do so by the Cathedral Academy administration.

Jewelry – Jewelry should be modest and tasteful. Pierced ears are allowed. Other visible body piercing is not permitted.

Tattoos –Tattoos should not be visible at any time, whether temporary or permanent.

SPIRIT FRIDAY DRESS

Any approved Spirit Wear purchased through the Spirit Store may be worn at anytime. Blue jeans are acceptable wear on Friday. (Not acceptable are blue jeans that have holes, that are frayed, that are faded-out, or jeans that are too tight.) Face paint (within reason) and temporary school-spirit skin appliquéés from the Spirit Store are permitted on game days.

OUTERWEAR

Outerwear (jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, etc.) may be worn over approved clothing so that it may be removed as the weather moderates. *Graphics or logos, in good taste, smaller than a hand are permitted on the upper right or left side of t-shirts or sweatshirts.* Outerwear sold in the Spirit Store is acceptable.

Items such as hats, sunglasses, and other decorative outerwear are not to be worn in the buildings at any time. Outerwear may not replace the need for adhering to dress practices, nor may the outerwear violate the spirit of the dress philosophy or dress practice requirements.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

An electronic communications device is defined as a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise operates to summon or deliver communication to the possessor (e.g., pagers, cellular phones, laser pointers or any other such device that may present a safety concern).

Paging devices may be carried only by those students who are members of response teams or who have personal medical reasons, as certified by a physician.

During regular school hours, cellular phones brought onto any school campus by a student must remain out-of-sight, turned off, and not activated.

Administrators and staff members, along with law enforcement authorities have the right to confiscate electronic communication devices possessed by students in violation of this policy.

For the first violation of the electronic communications device policy, the staff member observing the violation will confiscate the device until the end of the school day, and then return it to the student. The teacher is to make a report of the confiscation to the Head of Schools.

On the second violation, the parents or guardians will be contacted to pick up the electronic communications device, and sign for receipt of the device, as well as to be given a copy of the policy.

For the third violation of this policy the electronic communications device will be kept by administration until the end of the grading period but not less than 30 days.

For the fourth offense and beyond, the electronic communications device will be kept until the end of the semester but not less than 30 days, and suspension from school is possible.