

Troy Christian Schools Dress Code

Troy Christian Schools, Inc. through its code of conduct, seeks to encourage its students to think and act like Christian ladies and gentlemen. It is our desire that our students live and conduct themselves in a manner that is pleasing to God and glorifying to the name of Jesus Christ. The dress code serves as a tool in fostering academic and character development of the students as they participate in the learning environment. Modesty and neatness is to be taught at home and expected at school. **It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to make sure the dress code standards are met.**

The following guidelines are **minimum** standards. We believe the parents or guardians need to have their child adhere to the dress code. These guidelines are to be used to help parents and students select clothing for school. **The standards apply to all athletic and extracurricular activities.**

The dress code was established as a collaborative effort of adults and students. Our student committee included student representatives in grades 9-12. All persons involved in this process agreed that it is very important that we reflect Jesus Christ in our appearance. **Modesty and neatness are used as the key measurements for our dress code.**

The administration has the discretion to determine the “modesty & neatness” of clothing and if it fits within the standards set.

Dress will:

- Honor and glorify the Lord
- Reflect modesty
- Reflect neatness and cleanliness
- Not be a distraction to the learning environment
- Respect cultural distinctives
- Not be a stumbling block for others

These values are expressed by the following standards set for girls' and boys' daily dress.

General Code for Boys and Girls

- Hats are to be removed when inside the building.
- Outside coats and jackets are to be removed when inside the building.
- Tattoos must be covered at all school-related activities.
- Facial piercings are not permitted. Other body piercings must be covered at all school-related activities (not including ear piercings.)
- Running or sweat suit style clothing is permitted only in grades Kindergarten – 2nd grade.
- Only natural shades of hair color are permitted.
- Hair is to be styled so the student's eyes can be seen.
- Gothic-like apparel and “look” is not permitted.
- Modest shorts can only be worn during after-school and weekend events. Knee-length or longer shorts are permitted for the elementary students during the months of August, September, and May.

- All t-shirts / tops / shirts need to come at least to the waistline. Waistline tops / shirts must have an undershirt that is tucked in so no midsection / skin is showing when raising arms or bending over.
- Jean length cannot be dragging on the floor.
- Slacks, jeans, and all tops / shirts are not to be tight fitting so that they draw attention to one's body.
- Clothing is to be free of "holes" and "frayed" design, with no skin showing.
- Only junior high and high school students are permitted to wear flip-flops. All shoes for Kindergarten-6th graders must have a back or a back strap.
- Heelies are not permitted.
- All school attire must be free of suggestive words or pictures, offensive advertisements, promotion of worldly or ungodly values.

Specific Troy Christian Dress Code Standards

Girls

- Dresses / skirts must come to the top of the knee.
- Capri pants must come below the knee.
- Undergarments are to be covered at all times and sleeve fabric must come to the edge of the shoulder.
- The neckline of all t-shirts / tops must be high enough to show no cleavage. A guideline to use is the "four-finger rule." (Hold your hand sideways with the fingers together at the base of neck. The neck of the top should not be lower than your pinky finger. Some girls may need to use a "three-finger" or "two-finger rule.")
- White tops, skirts and pants are permitted. However, girls need to be mindful of wearing appropriate undergarments.
- Pants / sweats / shorts are to be free of words / letters across the back during sport practice and all school-related activities.

Boys

- Pants are not to be "sagged" below the hips.
- Facial hair needs to be trimmed neatly.

Please see Student/Parent Handbook for more details.

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