

DPCS 2017/2018 DRESS CODE

DP Christian School desires our student's appearance to display modesty, professionalism and respect for themselves and others. The following dress code rules and guidelines are established to foster an environment of learning and respect, in alignment with Biblical principles.

Girls

SHIRTS/BLOUSES

- Shirts/blouses should not be too tight, revealing, or overly baggy and may not have holes or frays. Tops should be loose fitting across the chest and show no cleavage or midriff, including when leaning over or raising the arms.
- Sleeveless shirts are allowed, but no tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops or tube tops. Bra straps and bra sides must not be visible.
- Plain T-shirts with appropriate graphic designs.
- DP Christian School shirts or sweatshirts may be worn.
- Undergarments should not be visible. Shirts/blouses may not be sheer or have an open back.

PANTS/CAPRIS/SHORTS

- Pants/capris/shorts must be neat, modest and appropriate.
- Leggings or jeggings as pants are permitted as long as they are not too tight. A good rule of thumb is if your underwear line is visible on the pants they are too tight.
- Jeans may be worn, but they must be at waist level and have no tears, holes, frays, bleaching or writing on them.
- No pajama pants, night clothes, yoga pants, sweatpants, athletic warm-ups or other pants of similar style may be worn.
- Shorts must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee. Shorts must adhere to the fit guidelines above.
- Athletic shorts or gym shorts are not permitted.
- Camouflage and beach wear (for example, board shorts) are not permitted.

SKIRTS/SKORTS/DRESSES

- All skirts/skorts/dresses must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee. The top of slits in skirts or dresses must also be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee when standing.
- Skirts and skorts should fit loosely and be in modest taste and appearance, even while a student is seated.

- Modest dresses are permitted. The bodice of the dress must follow the guidelines for tops and the length and fit of the skirt must follow the guidelines for skirts.
- Tights or leggings are permitted under skirts/skorts/dresses, but the length of the skirt/skort/dress must still adhere to the 3 inch guideline.

SWEATSHIRTS/OUTERWEAR

- Sweatshirts and hoodies are permitted, however they must fit neatly and must not display profanity, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drug advertisements, or other inappropriate phrases or symbols.
- Sweatshirts or hoodies that represent other area schools, private or public, may not be worn. Sweatshirts or hoodies that represent a college or a professional team may be worn.
- When a sweatshirt, hoodie, jacket or coat is worn, the shirt worn underneath must conform to dress code guidelines.

SHOES

- Students must wear closed toe shoes. Heels must not exceed 2 inches.
- Athletic shoes must be worn during P.E. classes.
- Slippers or plastic pool type shoes (for example, Crocs) are not permitted.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Make-up should be conservative, not extreme in appearance or excessive in amount.
- Hats and sunglasses are not permitted. Ear buds and headphones may not be worn during the school day, unless express permission is granted by a faculty or staff member.
- Jewelry is permitted, but not large or excessive. Ears may be pierced but no other visible body piercing is allowed.
- Visible body tattoos are not permitted.

Boys

SHIRTS

- Collared shirts or button-down shirts with sleeves may be worn.
- Plain T-shirts with appropriate graphic designs.
- Shirts should not be too tight or overly baggy and may not have holes or frays.
- Shirts must not display profanity, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drug advertisements, or other inappropriate phrases or symbols.
- DP Christian School shirts or sweatshirts may be worn.

PANTS/SHORTS

- Pants or shorts must not be tight or form fitting. Pants or shorts must be neat, modest and appropriate. Shorts must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee.
- Jeans may be worn, but they must be at waist level and have no tears, holes, frays, bleaching or writing on them.
- No pajama pants, night clothes, sweatpants, athletic warm-ups or other pants of similar style may be worn.
- Athletic shorts or gym shorts are not permitted outside of PE classes.
- Camouflage and beach wear (for example, board shorts) are not permitted.

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SHOES

- Students must wear closed toe shoes.
- Athletic shoes must be worn during P.E. classes.
- Slippers or plastic pool type shoes (for example, Crocs) are not permitted.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Make-up is not permitted on boys.
- Hats and sunglasses are not permitted in the building. Ear buds and headphones may not be worn during the school day, unless express permission is granted by a faculty or staff member.
- Facial hair is permitted but must be well groomed and maintained.
- No jewelry may be worn in a visible body piercing.
- Visible body tattoos are not permitted.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR GIRLS/BOYS

- Clothing must always be neat and modest and not a source of distraction or disruption based on the opinion of the administration.

- The dress code applies to all students during the school day. Additional dress code guidelines may be issued for field trips, class trips, or other school functions.
- As new styles and clothing patterns develop, administration will make modifications consistent with the intent of this policy.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

- Dress code violations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Parents will be notified, via phone call or email when a dress code violation has occurred. Parents may be required to bring a change of clothing. Continued violations of the dress code may warrant a parent conference.

PER QUARTER

- Offense 1: Warning; Parents are notified.
- Offense 2: Parents are called, student to wait in office for parent to bring change of clothing – unexcused absence from class.
- Offense 3: Parents are called, student to wait in office for parent to bring change of clothing – unexcused absence from class. Conference scheduled with parent, students and administration.
- Offense 4: Administrative Detention.
- Offense 5: Additional detentions, or suspension, at the discretion of the Administration.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

It is important for parents to ensure their child is dressed in compliance with the published DPCS Dress Code. The school administration views this as a parental commitment and responsibility and believes that dress code issues should be addressed and corrected at home rather than being left as dress code infractions that have to be addressed and corrected at school.