

Portersville Christian School - High School Dress Code 7-12

*The dress code is not designed to anticipate every possibility that might be worn and then forbid it. Ask if you have questions.
The final decision regarding dress code is left up to administration.*

Why Have a Dress Code?

Our dress code is designed to reflect our conservative Christian beliefs. Here are some benefits of having a dress code:

- To teach students that their appearance does reflect on their character, and as a result, dress should reflect the perspective of Christian modesty and Christ-like character. (Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Timothy 4:11-12 1 Corinthians 10:31).
- Studies show it can help student achievement as students are more focused on academic achievement rather than their wardrobe.
- A dress code, unlike uniforms, gives students a means to express themselves through appropriate clothing.
- It helps prepare students for the future where many jobs and organizations require a certain dress or even uniforms.

Jewelry

Jewelry must not be a distraction. The following guidelines are to be followed:

- Pierced ears for girls are the only acceptable piercings. Other visible piercings must be empty. Band-aids are not permitted to cover a piercing.

Hair

- Hair should be neat, clean, and well-groomed. If hair is dyed or highlighted, the colors used must be naturally occurring human hair colors. Cases of extreme styles or poor grooming will be addressed individually at the sole discretion of the building administration. Hair accessories (clips, barrettes, etc.) may be worn by girls only.
- Students may not wear a hat, hood, or bandana in the school building during school hours.

Shoes

- Shoes should be worn at all times
- Flip flops with a plug or **Velcro athletic slides** are not appropriate.
- Shoes should have less than a 3" heel.

Make-up

- Tattoos or other body art (marker or pen drawings or symbols) are not permitted to be visible for boys or girls, while wearing either regular clothing or when dressed for physical education or athletics.
- Boys may not wear makeup, nail polish, or color their nails with marker or ink.
- Girls may wear moderately applied make-up that is natural in appearance. The length or embellishments of the fingernails must not impede or distract from the learning process.

Shorts

- Shorts are to be longer than fingertip length (when arms are relaxed at the sides.)
- Loose-fitting athletic style shorts are permitted. Shorts must be the appropriate length.
- **For PE class, athletics, and fine arts practices, shorts must be at least fingertip length.**

Skirts or Dresses

- All skirts or dresses should be no more than three inches from the top of the knee when standing and sitting. (Split skirts or slits should also be no more than three inches from the top of the knee.)

Pants

- All pants must fit properly (not excessively tight, large or baggy, or sagging to the point of immodesty).
- Pants are not allowed to have holes, rips, or frays in them in any location.
- Undergarments are not to be seen.
- No writing across the seat of the pants.
- Loose-fitting sweats or athletic pants are permitted.
- Leggings/yoga pants are not permitted unless worn with a skirt or dress that is an acceptable length according to the skirt/dress section.

Shirts/Tops

All shirts must meet the following requirements:

- Shirts are not to be tight-fitting or revealing in nature. If the outline of undergarments is visible beneath the shirt, it is considered too tight.
- Students' clothing must be sleeved and may not expose their shoulders. Wide necked shirts or sweaters must be worn with a tank top underneath in order to cover the bra straps. Off-the-shoulder shirts are not permitted.
- Shirts must be long enough so no skin is exposed when both arms are raised in normal activity above the head. If a top shows midriff when arms are raised, it must be worn with an undershirt, camisole, or tank top underneath.
- No cleavage may be showing in front. A camisole or tank top must be worn to cover cleavage if a shirt is low cut or tends to gap open when the student is bending over.
- T-shirts are permitted. Avoid shirts with offensive language or pictures, political shirts or slogans. Administration has final decision on appropriateness.
- Underwear, compression shorts, bras, sports bras, and/or bralettes should not be visible.
- Lace, sheer materials, thin or see-through material does not count towards coverage.

After-School, and School Sponsored Activities

Students are required to be dressed acceptably, in accordance with the dress code, at any school-sponsored event, including athletic events, fine arts events, concerts, or open houses following these guidelines:

- Students participating in events must follow guidelines established by their coach, advisor, and/or director.
- Students may wear loose-fitting sweat pants or athletic pants if does not go against the established guidelines or if they are simply a spectator.

Portersville Christian School –Elementary Dress Code K-6

Why Have a Dress Code?

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- To teach students that their appearance does reflect on their character, and as a result, dress should reflect the perspective of Christian modesty and Christ-like character. (Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Timothy 4:11-12 1 Corinthians 10:31).
- Studies show it can help student achievement as students are more focused on academic achievement rather than their wardrobe.
- A dress code, unlike uniforms, give students a means to express themselves through appropriate clothing.
- It helps prepare students for the future where many jobs and organizations require a certain dress or even uniforms.

Jewelry

Jewelry must not be a distraction. The following guidelines are to be followed:

- Pierced ears for girls are the only acceptable piercings. **Other piercings that are visible must be empty. Band aids are not permitted to cover a piercing.**
- Elementary students should avoid large and dangling jewelry that can get caught at gym and on playground equipment.

Hair

- Hair should be neat, clean, and well groomed. If hair is dyed or highlighted, the colors used must be naturally occurring human hair colors. Cases of extreme styles or poor grooming will be addressed individually at the sole discretion of the building administration.
- Students may not wear a hat, hood, or a bandana in the school building during school hours.

Shoes

- Shoes should be worn at all times.
- High heels and flip flops are not permitted.
- Shoes must have heel straps or closed backs.

Make-up

- Tattoos (real or temporary) or other body art (marker or pen drawings or symbols) are not permitted to be visible

for boys or girls, while wearing either regular clothing or when dressed for physical education or athletics.

- Boys may not wear make-up, nail polish, or color their nails with marker or ink.
- Girls in grades 5 & 6 may wear minimal, natural-looking make-up. Acrylic/artificial nails are discouraged. The length or embellishments of the fingernails must not impede or distract from the learning process.

Shorts

- Students (grades K-6) are permitted to wear shorts from April 1st-October 31st.
- Shorts are to be longer than fingertip length (when arms are relaxed at the sides.)
- **For PE class, athletics, and fine arts practices, shorts must be at least fingertip length.**

Skirts or Dresses

- All skirts or dresses should be no more than three inches from the top of the knee when standing and sitting. (Split skirts or slits should also be no more than three inches from the top of the knee.)

Pants

- All pants must fit properly (not excessively tight, large or baggy, or sagging to the point of immodesty).
- Pants are not allowed to have holes, rips, or frays in them in any location.
- Undergarments are not to be seen.
- No writing across the seat of the pants.
- Girls may wear leggings, but please keep modesty in mind.
- Students may wear sweat pants, fleece, athletic shorts, and draw string pants that fit properly. PJ pants are not to be worn.

Shirts/Tops

All shirts must meet the following requirements:

- Sleeveless garments, but not **tank tops** are acceptable.

- T-shirts are permitted. Avoid shirts with offensive language or pictures, political shirts or slogans, secular culture shirts (TV/movies, bands, etc.), and shirts that have sayings with a double meaning.
- Underwear, compression shorts, bras, sports bras, and/or bralettes should not be visible.
- Shirts must be long enough so no skin is exposed when both arms are raised in normal activity above the head. If a top shows midriff when arms are raised, it must be worn with an undershirt, camisole, or tank top underneath.
- Sheer garments or thin shirts must be worn with an undershirt. Lace, sheer materials, thin or see-through material does not count towards coverage.

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