



STUDENT DRESS CODE

**“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and Holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove that the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:1-2**

RATIONALE FOR THE DRESS CODE:

There are two primary reasons for a dress code.

- The first is to ensure modesty that the Bible encourages (I Timothy 2:9).
- The second is to encourage a dignity that is appropriate for the academy setting, therefore, we do consider neatness in dress code decisions.

The dress code of Arlington Christian 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. Research validates that modesty and neatness impact student learning. The dress code is established to provide guidelines for parents and students on appropriate school dress. A well-groomed and modestly dressed student should come to the academy with an attitude that prepares him/her for neat, conscientious work. His/her attire should convey respect for himself/herself, his/her fellow students, and his/her teachers.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The dress code applies to the school day and all events on or off campus in which Arlington Christian Academy participates unless stipulated. Students must always be neat and modestly dressed. The staff is responsible for monitoring the dress code on campus and at off campus school events to assure reasonable fashions can be accommodated while minimizing as much as possible an overemphasis on clothes. Suggestions concerning the dress code may be addressed to the principal in writing. When a student is in violation of the dress code, the parents or legal guardians may be called and the student may be sent home to make any needed alterations. If it is impossible for the student to go home to change, he or she may be held out of class for the remainder of the day. The student's grade for each class will reflect his or her absence. Repeated offenses may indicate an issue of direct disobedience. Such students could be subject to disciplinary action from detention to dismissal. Since this normally works a greater hardship on the parents or guardians than the student, parents are urged to supervise their child(ren)'s dress on a daily basis. Arlington Christian Academy reserves the right to determine the acceptability of clothing and hairstyles at any time.

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

| BOYS MAY WEAR | GIRLS MAY WEAR |
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| Appropriate fitting shorts that are mid-thigh or longer. | Appropriate fitting shorts that are mid-thigh or longer. |
| Slacks or jeans that are the appropriate size and fit. | Slacks or jeans that are the appropriate size and fit. |
| Collared shirts (including t-shirts), sweatshirts, and sweaters that are modest and appropriate in size and fit. T-shirts and sweatshirts that contain writing and logos should be in harmony with the philosophy of Arlington Christian Academy. | Collared shirts (including t-shirts), sweatshirts, and sweaters that are modest and appropriate in size and fit. T-shirts and sweatshirts that contain writing and logos should be in harmony with the philosophy of Arlington Christian Academy. |
| Necklaces under their shirts. | Capris or cropped pants. |
| Shoes must be worn at all times. | Leggings with a shirt that comes to mid-thigh. |
| | Dresses and skirts with a modest hemline and without slits more than 2" above the knees. Shorts should be worn under all dresses and skirts. |
| | Shoes must be worn at all times. |
| BOYS MAY NOT WEAR | GIRLS MAY NOT WEAR |
| Low-rider pants that expose undergarments. | Open back or low-neck blouses or dresses. |
| Jeans with pre-applied tears and rips. | Jeans with pre-applied tears and rips. |
| Pants that are rolled to mid-calf. | Halter tops or tube tops. |
| Shirts that have human skulls, human skeletons and/or any other logos or icons that represent death and/or inappropriate hand gestures. | Shirts/blouses that have human skulls, human skeletons and/or any other logos or icons that represent death and/or inappropriate hand gestures. |
| Flip-flops | Shirts/blouse that leaves any part of the midriff bare. (If a student raises her hand in class and her midriff is exposed, the shirt/blouse is too short.) |
| Earrings or any other type of piercing. | Dresses or skirts that rise immodestly while seated. |
| Earmuffs may be worn outside, but not in class. | Flip-flops |
| | Leggings that are too tight and/or too small. |
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