



## **DRESS CODE POLICY**

The CCHS dress code has been established to develop learner attitudes and behaviors that honor our Lord Jesus Christ and promote spiritual growth.

***All things are legitimate [permissible - and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life]. Let no one then seek his own good and advantage and profit, but [rather let him seek welfare of his neighbor].*** 1Corinthians 10:23-24 (Amplified Bible)

The word “edify” literally means “the act of building” and is used figuratively in the New Testament to refer to the promotion of spiritual growth. As believers, it is our Biblical responsibility to conduct ourselves in word and deed (including dress) in a manner that glorifies God and promotes personal and corporate spiritual growth. Therefore, we require that everyone at Crossroads Christian High School maintain an appearance, which conforms to the following guidelines:

**BASIC PRINCIPLES** regarding clothing and appearance include:

- **Godliness (1 Timothy 4:12)**  
*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*
- **Modesty (1 Timothy 2:9)**  
*Also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes.*
- Cleanliness
- Practicality
- Safety
- Neatness

A learners' appearance has an impact on his/her attitudes and behaviors. Respect for the CCHS community and the education process, is shown by learner's attire. Not all fashions that are appropriate in the secular world are appropriate for a school emulating a biblical worldview. The following dress standards have been established for appropriate dress at school and all school related functions to help maintain a sense of Christian modesty, while also educating learners as to what is appropriate dress in the CCHS environment. If there is any question that an item may be appropriate for dress, it should not be worn.

Please consider what the logos and slogans on your clothing represent before wearing them. Some recent examples are: Abercrombie & Fitch, G-Unit, Hostility, South Park, and Famous Stars and Straps. These and other companies will be scrutinized based on the company's Internet site for modesty, sexual content, violence, and anything against the Christian values our school is trying to uphold.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - SHOES**

- Open-toed shoes are permissible provided you are working within a safe environment; bedroom or any types of slippers are not permitted.
- Athletics requires athletic shoes and socks.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - HAIRSTYLES**

The school administration reserves the right to require a learner to change a hairstyle, groom facial hair, or change a hair color at any time the hairstyle, color, length, or grooming is considered inappropriate.

- Hairstyles (including facial hair) must not be extreme (as determined by administration) and should reflect careful grooming; hair must be clean with no ill-groomed or distracting hairstyles or colors.
- Hair may not be styled with spikes longer than 1/2" - no Mohawk's with side's shaven.
- Hair should not be so long that it hangs over learners' eyes.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - ACCESSORIES**

- Ears are the only acceptable body piercings that may be visible on campus or any school related activities. Plugs and gauges are NOT acceptable.
- Tattoos may not be visible on campus or any school related activities.
- Hats are permitted provided they are removed once inside the classroom. Hoods may not be worn covering the head or face. Again, hats and beanies may be worn provided the message, or logo, is not vulgar or suggestive.
- Chains of any kind, attached or unattached to clothing are not permitted.
- Spikes, rivets, or skull depictions on any articles of clothing, jewelry, or accessories are not permitted.
- Blankets may not be worn as outerwear.
- No swimming suits including board shorts may be worn.
- Accessories may not reference alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gangs, cults, or any logos that do not promote the vision or mission of the school.
- Accessories may not promote any message, saying, or slogan that is contrary to the purpose, values, and standards of Crossroads Christian High School.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - CLOTHING**

- Clothing is to be neat and in good taste.
- Undergarments may not be exposed or visible through clothing.
- Clothing must conceal cleavage, sides, back, and midriff.
  - Learners must wear camisoles or tank tops beneath clothes that may be sheer, low cut, or short in length.

- Clothing may not make reference to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or gangs.
- Clothing may not be baggy, excessively over-sized, or sloppy in appearance.
- Clothing may not be immodest, revealing, or excessively tight.
- Tube tops and halter-tops are NOT permitted at school.
- Clothing may NOT have excessive holes or rips.
- If a top is sheer, too low or too short, a camisole/tank top must be worn underneath.
- Plastic, vinyl, or leather clothing is NOT permitted. (Leather jackets are permitted).
- Spikes, rivets, or skull depictions on any articles of clothing, jewelry, or accessories are not permitted.
- Shorts must have a minimum of a 5" inseam, fit properly, and be modest in appearance as determined by the administration. Shorts may not be cut-off or have excessive frayed edges. Shorts must be worn with flat shoes. Spandex shorts are not permitted.
- Printed messages on the back of shorts or pants are not permitted.
- Sleeveless shirts are acceptable provided undergarments, cleavage, sides, back, and midriff are not exposed and shirts are not excessively loose or tight; however spaghetti strap tank tops and razorbacks are not permitted without including an outer garment.
- Sweats and athletic apparel may be worn in good taste. Purchasing of CCHS Apparel and Athletic wear are available from the office.
- Leggings and/or yoga pants are permitted under longer outer garments/clothing.
- Pajamas, bedtime apparel, and blankets are not permitted at school.
- Clothing may not promote any message, saying, or slogan that is contrary to the purpose, values, and standards of Crossroads Christian High School.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE DRESS STANDARDS**

A learner who displays disregard, disobedience, disrespect, or defiance of CCHS clothing and appearance boundaries will be corrected as need by instruction, warning, reproof, correction, suspension, or expulsion. Learners who choose to wear immodest or improper school clothing will be removed from class and counseled by administration and/or a facilitator according to the dress code principles. The learner will be required to change into acceptable clothing before returning to class, an infraction will be noted and parents may need to bring a change of clothes.

### **HIGH SCHOOL - Individual Dress Code Policy & Discipline**

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> violation – learner will receive a warning, must change clothes, and if borrowing dress code appropriate clothes from the office, learner must take home borrowed clothes, wash them and return to office.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> violation – referral to office, change clothes, parent/learner meeting with administration, and if borrowing dress code appropriate clothes from the office, learner must take home borrowed clothes, wash them and return to office.
- 4<sup>th</sup> violation – change clothes, parent/learner meeting with administration—1-day suspension will be issued for the following school day and if borrowing dress code appropriate clothes from the office, learner must take home borrowed clothes, wash them and return to office. All schoolwork due during the suspension will receive a 0.

- 5<sup>th</sup> violation - change clothes, parent/learner meeting with administration—3-day suspension will be issued for the following school day and if borrowing dress code appropriate clothes from the office, learner must take home borrowed clothes, wash them and return to office. All schoolwork due during 3-day suspension will receive a 0.
- 6<sup>th</sup> violation – Expulsion will be recommended to the Administrative Review Board.

\*The list above is not comprehensive. CCHS reserves the right to modify these standards as necessary during the school year. If there are any questions concerning specifics, please contact CCHS Administration at (951) 520-3091