

## **DRESS CODE STANDARDS 2015-16**

At Whittier Christian we strive to create an environment where students can thrive and become all that God has designed them to be. Part of that process involves a dress code that eliminates distractions and reflects professional standards of modesty. As with all aspects of school life, parental support is important and appreciated. Please review the Dress Code standards and review your child's apparel before leaving for school. If you have questions, please contact the Director of Student Life.

### Dress Code Standards for ALL Students:

- Clothing must be modest at all times – on campus and at school events.
- Clothing must be size appropriate and not excessively baggy, tight, or form fitting
- Clothing must be neat, clean, and without holes or frayed hems.
- Footwear is required; slippers are not appropriate footwear, except on special “dress up” days.
- Clothing, fads and haircuts, and dress that are extreme, counter-culture, reflect a negative message are not permitted.
- Hair color must be a natural hair color.
- Visible tattoos or body piercings are not allowed, except earrings on girls
- Hats may not be worn in the classroom or in chapel. Bandanas are not permitted.
- Sleepwear is not allowed except on special “dress up” days.

### Additional Dress Code Standards for Female Students:

- Skirts and dresses must not be shorter than 3” above the knee.
- Shorts are allowed, but must not be shorter than 5” above the knee.
- Tops must fully cover the torso. When sitting, bending or lifting arms, the midriff or torso must not be visible.
- Off the shoulder and see through tops are not permitted.
- Makeup should not be extreme.

### Additional Dress Code Standards for Male Students:

- Hair may not extend beyond the base of the neck or be shaved shorter than 1/8” in length.
- Hairstyles may not be extreme, including pony tails, mohawks, spikes, and shaved designs.
- Facial hair must be neat and trimmed.
- Shorts may not be longer than 2” below the knee for male students
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not allowed.
- Earrings are not allowed on male students while on campus or on field trips.

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WCHS reserves the right to make the final decision regarding dress code and the appropriateness of a student's apparel. When a student's outfit is out of dress code, he or she will be sent to the School Office to receive alternative clothing. Any WCHS faculty or staff member may identify a student as being out of dress code.

Consequences for dress code violations are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Student will be required to change into WCHS provided clothing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Student will be required to change into WCHS provided clothing and parents will be called.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Student will be required to change into WCHS provided clothing and will receive after-school detention. Parents will be required to meet with Director of Student Life.

Additional dress code violations may result in increased disciplinary measures.

Separate dress code guidelines for school activities and dances may be given at the time of the event. If no additional guidelines are given, the above-listed school dress code is in effect and students should choose clothing that meets those guidelines.