



# CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## ELEMENTARY FREE DRESS DAY GUIDELINES

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**Free Dress Day Guidelines - The CCCS Policy states the following guidelines must be followed by your student when he/she has been given the privilege of a Free Dress Day.** “As Christians, it is our desire for students and staff to please the Lord and be a good witness to others both in appearance and behavior. We believe there is a definite relationship between good dress habits, good work habits and proper school behavior. We require students to dress modestly and attractively without drawing undue attention to themselves. Students should avoid extreme or questionable fads and fashions. *Proper student dress, in association with continual effort for good attitude and behavior, is an important element of our wholesome Christian learning environment.*”

### GIRLS

#### **SHORTS AND SKORTS**

Shorts and skorts must not be shorter than five inches from the floor when kneeling. Short-shorts, shorts with lace, spandex shorts alone (including biker type shorts), frayed shorts, shorts with holes, or cut-offs are not acceptable.

#### **BLOUSES AND TOPS**

To ensure modesty, all blouses and tops must be of appropriate size and never tight or clingy. Pictures, slogan shirts or blouses that show or speak of activities not in line with Christian principles are not permitted. Please consider modesty when choosing clinging or thin fabrics.

- Form fitting tops, tops through which undergarments can be seen, strapless tops, halter tops, or short tops that expose any part of the stomach are not permissible. It is unacceptable to wear any of the above (including camisoles and tank tops) under a vest, open shirt, overalls, jacket, cardigan or sheer blouse.
- Tank tops or tops with spaghetti straps (camisoles) may only be worn under a blouse as it enhances the modesty of the blouse/top. Tanks and camisoles may not be v-necks or lacey as to give the appearance of an undergarment. They must have a higher neckline to cover any cleavage. (Spaghetti straps may not be worn over a top.)
- Sleeveless blouses (and dresses) may be worn only if the armholes are not so large as to show undergarments and are at least two inches wide at the shoulder. Blouses and tops must not be low enough to expose cleavage or undergarments.
- Plain white t-shirts (undershirts) are considered “underwear,” and are not acceptable for outer wear. White T-shirts intended for outer garment wear, must have a pocket, a picture or a slogan on them, and be in line with Christian principles as stated above.
- The outline of a female student’s underwear must not be visible through her clothing.

#### **DRESSES AND SKIRTS**

The bodice of a dress must meet the same guidelines as that of a blouse. The hemline must not be shorter than five inches from the floor when kneeling.

- Hemlines with slits above the knee are acceptable only when the side or back slit is not more than two and a half inches from the floor when kneeling.
- **Shorts must be worn underneath.**
- Front slits are not acceptable at any length.
- Leggings and tights **can be worn under dresses/skirts or pants**. However, the dress or skirt must be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee while kneeling. **Tights, leggings, and jeggings cannot be worn as pants.**

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## ***PANTS, JEANS, AND CAPRIS***

These articles of clothing must be of appropriate size and never tight for the sake of modesty. When the outline of a girl's underwear can be seen through her pants or jeans, it is considered inappropriate and not acceptable.

- The appropriate waistline of pants must be no lower than two inches below the naval.
- Baggy pants or baggy jeans are not acceptable (baggy is defined as not more than five inches of excess material when pants are gathered at the knee).
- Pants that have holes, are frayed, excessively worn, faded, or dirty are not acceptable.
- Jeans that are bought faded (stone-washed) are acceptable.

## ***SHOES***

- Shoes that light up are not acceptable.
- If sandals are worn, they must have a heel strap for safety reasons.
- Rubber-soled shoes are the only acceptable shoe in the matted playground area.

## **BOYS**

### ***SHORTS AND PANTS***

Shorts must be no longer than mid-calf. Shorts, pants or jeans must be of appropriate size; not too baggy or too tight and must be worn so that undergarments are not visible. Baggy pants, shorts or jeans are not acceptable (baggy is defined as not more than five inches of excess material when gathered at the knee). Cut-offs, pants, or shorts that have holes, are frayed, excessively worn, faded, or dirty are not acceptable. Jeans that are bought faded (stone washed) are acceptable.

### ***SHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS***

Plain white T-shirts (undershirts) must be considered "underwear," and must be worn as undergarments only and are not acceptable for outer garment wear. White T-shirts intended for outer garment wear must have a pocket, a picture or a slogan on them, and be in line with Christian principles as stated above. Sleeveless T-shirts are not permitted.

## ***SHOES***

- Shoes that light up are not acceptable.
- If sandals are worn, they must have a heel strap for safety reasons.
- Rubber-soled shoes are the only acceptable shoe in the matted playground area.

***As 'fads and fashions' come and go, they will not be part of the CCCS Uniform Dress Standard. Parents are encouraged to obtain Administrative approval before making purchases whenever an item of clothing or shoes is questionable.***

**Administration reserves the right in all cases to determine what is appropriate and what may attract undue attention to the student. Thank you for your cooperation!**

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