

# Decatur Christian School Dress Code

2019-2020

## General Dress Code Guidelines for All Students

The purpose of this or any dress code is to set guidelines for acceptable dress so that the code is easily understood, remembered, and enforceable. Representatives of the school have final say with respect to compliance.

When students are not in dress code, the responsibility of achieving compliance will be upon the student. As soon as they can correct the infraction, they may return to class. Repeated infractions can lead to disciplinary action. As always, if a student is in doubt about a particular item, they should check with administration before risking being out of compliance.

Clothing must be: Neat, well-maintained, without frays or holes, not distressed, correctly fitted, without wording, images no larger than 2", and must be modest. Modesty entails no showing of under garments, midriff, lower back, or cleavage at any time.

## Kindergarten-5th Grade - Specific

In order to develop a standard for school behavior and a positive learning atmosphere, there should be a difference between school clothes and play clothes.

Tops (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Collared shirts or shirts which come to the neckline Sweaters and sweater vests can be worn over a collared shirt or shirt which comes to the neckline Christian t-shirts w/scripture verses Solid or striped T-shirts K-2 only: sleeveless shirts which complete a matched outfit — fabric must cover from neck to outside shoulder Shirts depicting non-violent images</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>See-through or form-fitting shirts Spaghetti strapped shirts or tank tops Camouflage Hoodies (See Spirit Wear specifications) T-shirts depicting action heroes or violent images</p>
Outerwear for Playground (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Coats, jackets, sweaters, sweat shirts, hoodies (solid colors, floral, plaid, striped, or spirit wear)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Coats, jackets, hoodies, gloves, hats, or scarves depicting super heroes or violent images Hats or hoodies that cover the face</p>
Bottoms (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Cotton, denim, twill, corduroy, non-baggy cargo-style Shorts/skirts/dresses hemline must reach end of fingertips when hands hang naturally at student's side while standing Shorts or leggings <u>must</u> be worn under all skirts/dresses</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Tight-fitting knit, sweatshirt, wind suit, or "athletic" type pants, shorts, or capris Yoga pants or yoga capris Leggings without dress or skirt Camouflage Pajamas except on specially designated occasions</p>
Shoes (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Dress shoes, tennis shoes or leather "dressy" sandals</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Flip-flops or crocs Any shoe without a heel-strap Shoes with heels taller than 1 ½"</p>

Hair (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Hair must be neat and clean at all times and out of the eyes Boys: hair must not be below the top of the collar or the middle of the ear/must be above the eyebrows when hanging naturally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Eccentric hair colors/styles Mohawks or hair combed or gelled into Mohawk style spike</p>

Accessories (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Girls: modest, not distracting to learning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Pierced body jewelry Boys: pierced earrings Visible tattoos Hats or sunglasses indoors</p>

## 6th – 12th Grades – Specific

Tops (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>All tops must have collars, sleeves, buttons, or ¼ zipper worn over a crewneck. All buttons must be fastened except for the top</p> <p>Sweater vests can be worn over a collared, sleeved, and buttoned top. Sweaters may be worn with or without a collared top underneath.</p> <p>Girls may wear crewneck tops with a scarf.</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Tops that are sheer, form-fitting, expose the mid-riff, or display graphics or wording, camo, sweatshirts, hooded clothing, light jackets, winter coats — students needing to achieve warmth should wear tee shirts under acceptable tops</p>
Bottoms (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Dress Slacks or trousers</p> <p>Khakis/Dockers style pants: Any solid-color, relaxed fit</p> <p>Cargo or dress shorts, skirts, and dresses; all must be knee-length or below when standing</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Form-fitting pants, camouflage, shorts or skirts worn above the knee, blue jeans, spandex, leggings, or yoga pants.</p>

Shoes (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Dress shoes, athletic shoes, leather sandals with a heel strap</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Any shoe without a heel-strap, high-heeled shoes, or crocs</p>
Hair (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Neat, clean, well-groomed, out of the eyes</p> <p>Young men: Off the collar, not past the middle of the ear, above the eyebrow (when hanging naturally), clean shaven</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Eccentric styles (including Mohawks), or unnatural colors</p>
Accessories (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	
<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> <p>Scarves, jewelry, and make-up on young women should be modest</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <p>Visibly displayed body piercings (other than ears for young women), tattoos, hats or sunglasses</p>

### Spirit Wear

With the exception of hooded clothing in the classrooms, students are welcome to wear official DCS Spirit Wear every day at Decatur Christian School. PE uniforms are not spirit wear, and spirit wear is not a PE uniform. Students may wear hooded clothing before and after school, but during the school day, hooded clothing must remain in lockers. Please plan seasonally to be able to keep warm in the classrooms. Students needing to achieve warmth should wear tee shirts under acceptable tops.

Each Friday will be designated as a Spirit Wear Day. All students may wear clean, neat jeans (no holes or frays) only if worn with official DCS Spirit Wear. Without Spirit Wear, regular daily dress code applies (no spirit wear = no blue jeans).