

Decatur Christian School Dress Code

2020-2021

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-5th Grade)

Acceptable

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

Unacceptable

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

Outerwear for Playground (K-5th Grade)

Acceptable

Coats, jackets, sweaters, sweat shirts, hoodies (solid colors, floral, plaid, striped, or spirit wear)

Unacceptable

Coats, jackets, hoodies, gloves, hats, or scarves depicting super heroes or violent images
Hats or hoodies that cover the face

Bottoms (K-5th Grade)

Acceptable

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 must be worn under all skirts/dresses

Unacceptable

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

Shoes (K-5th Grade)

Acceptable

Dress shoes, tennis shoes or leather "dressy" sandals

Unacceptable

Flip-flops or crocs
Any shoe without a heel-strap
Shoes with heels taller than 1 ½"

6th – 12th Grades – Specific

Acceptable

All tops must have collars, sleeves, buttons, or ¼ zipper worn over a crewneck.
All buttons must be fastened except for the top
Sweater vests can be worn over a collared, sleeved, and buttoned top. Sweaters may be worn with or without a collared top underneath.
Girls may wear crewneck tops with a scarf.

Tops (6th-12th Grade)

Unacceptable

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

Acceptable

Dress Slacks or trousers
Khakis/Dockers style pants: Any solid-color, relaxed fit
Cargo or dress shorts, skirts, and dresses; all must be knee-length or below when standing

Bottoms (6th-12th Grade)

Unacceptable

Form-fitting pants, camouflage, shorts or skirts worn above the knee, blue jeans, spandex, leggings, or yoga pants.

Acceptable

Dress shoes, athletic shoes, leather sandals with a heel strap

Shoes (6th-12th Grade)

Unacceptable

Any shoe without a heel-strap, high-heeled shoes, or crocs

Acceptable

Neat, clean, well-groomed, out of the eyes

Hair (6th-12th Grade)

Unacceptable

Eccentric styles (including Mohawks), or unnatural colors

Young men: clean shaven

Acceptable

Scarves, jewelry, and make-up on young women should be modest

Accessories (6th-12th Grade)

Unacceptable

Visibly displayed body piercings (other than ears for young women), tattoos, hats or sunglasses

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).