



# CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## 2020/2021 CCHS Dress Code

### **Dress Code Parameters**

When in attendance during the regular school day which begins 8:00AM through 3:00 PM. The dress code applies any time students are on campus or on field trips unless specified by the High School Administration. It is both the parents and the school's responsibility to teach students this mindset.

### **Purpose**

Our goal is to teach students how to dress in a Business Casual environment while still allowing them freedom within that to choose what to wear. Dressing in accordance with the dress code is a learning process, but God cares most about the heart. This is clearly shown when Samuel was choosing the next King of Israel:

*But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*

With that said, the Bible also reminds us in Matthew 12:34 that "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." How one responds to the dress code is a matter of the heart. In writing the dress code, it is our desire to make expectations clear so students can learn how to dress in a Business Casual environment with all modesty and a good heart!

As such, there are two parts to our dress code: Appropriate dress and Business Casual dress. The Appropriate dress section covers modesty and distraction-free expectations which are more objective items in the dress code. The Business Casual section covers aspects of student dress that promotes a professional atmosphere and is more subjective in nature. This is often where students take time to learn and adjust. Through this, students will learn how to acclimate to expectations they will encounter in their future work/ministry life after school, a valuable skill!

## **Appropriate Dress**

Representing Jesus and the school in a positive manner is an expectation in all areas of student life, including modesty in dress and grooming. In addition to handbook guidelines, any other attire or grooming patterns determined to cause distractions are not appropriate. The administration is the final authority on interpretations of the dress code.

### **General Guidelines:**

- All bottoms must reach below the knee
- No visible underwear/undergarments
- All students will stay in conformance with dress code during any field trips
- Neckline of tops must be no lower than four fingers below the collar bone
- Tight fitted tops or bottoms are not allowed
- Hair should be a natural color, not painted or unnatural
- No clothing that advertise secular rock groups, alcohol, drugs, sex or offensive items
- Clothing/Accessories may not create a distraction for the learning environment

### **Ladies**

- Skirts are allowed (below the knee or longer)
- Leggings are allowed only under tunics or dresses that are longer than your fingertip
- Hair should be neatly groomed.

### **Gentleman**

- Hair should be neatly groomed (no Mohawks, Mohawk pony-tails and/or painted hair.
- Facial hair should be neatly groomed. Beards should be groomed and not scruffy.
- Earrings should not be worn at school.

### **Appropriate Dress Violation Disciplinary Actions**

In each case of violation of Appropriate Dress code, students must immediately fix the violation by either changing, calling parents to bring an appropriate change in clothing, or going home. Repeat offenses of the same action may result in the student being sent home.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: The student earns a verbal warning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: The student earns a written warning.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: The student earns an 8th Period Detention
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: The student earns Saturday School and may be sent home.

\*\*\* If dress code violations become successive, a parent conference will take place.

## **Business Casual Dress**

Student dress at Calvary Chapel Christian High School is elevated to a professional atmosphere through Business Casual expectations. We often have visitors from pastors, local leaders, college representatives and local employers. Likewise, we want to show honor to our teachers and staff while at school with our dress. As such, we desire to look our best every day to ensure we represent Jesus and our School well. In Colossians 3:23, we're reminded

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,"

The administration is the final authority on interpretations of the dress code and business casual expectations. Faculty and staff will endeavor to coach students on Business Casual dress so they can learn what is appropriate for school. One thing is clear, dressing in shorts and a t-shirt is too casual. But wearing a full suit is overly formal. When in doubt, it's better to err on the side of dressing to formally. But where's the line? Here are some general suggestions:

### **General Suggestions:**

- Pants can be khaki, corduroy, twill or cotton in any color
- Belts should be worn when tops are tucked in
- Skirts, blouses, sweaters and dresses may be any color (except neon) and may be any pattern that reflects business casual attire. (See attached for examples)
- Sweaters, twinsets, cardigans, polo/knit shirts
- Gentlemen should wear collared shirts
- Ladies may wear a blouse top which need not have a collar (of dress material)
- Best pair of business casual jeans have a dark wash
- Attire should be neat, clean, and in acceptable condition
- Shoes or professional sandals make your look more professional
- Hats, Beanies, and Sunglasses are great accessories outdoors
- Jewelry/Watches look professional when not distracting

When the dress code is business casual, it's not appropriate to wear your favorite old t-shirt, ripped jeans, "holy" sneakers, or flip-flops. Remember the *business* part of business casual and remember outfits should be clean, pressed, and fit properly. Here are some items that are not Business Casual:

### **What's NOT Business Casual:**

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| • Shorts or short skirts          | • Hoodie Sweatshirts or athletic hoodies often look too casual         |
| • Skorts or jumpers               | • Clothing that is too tight, too short, oversized, or too loose       |
| • Tank tops or strapless shirts   | • Bright colors such as neon   |
| • Loungewear or Workout apparel   | • Mismatched or clashing colors  |
| • Spandex or Lycra                | • Costume-like clothing  |
| • Sweatpants/Yoga pants           | • Excessive body piercings (except for earrings on the ears of ladies) |
| • Leggings as Pants               |  |
| • Clothing with holes/rips/tears  |  |
| • Clothing with large logos       |  |
| • Sports/Fan Gear (jerseys, etc.) |  |

**I'm still confused...**

No matter how much detail is in the dress code, sometimes a photo is worth a thousand words. Here are some examples of people in business casual attire to help out!





### Additional Photos...

In addition to the photos provided, these images may provide additional ideas for styles within dress code.



### **Business Casual Dress Violation Disciplinary Actions**

In each case of violation of the Business Casual Dress code, students must show a willing heart to learn. Repeat violations of the Business Casual portion of the dress code may result in parent conference or being sent home. One should not consider a lack of a consequence or grace shown as a certain clothing item being allowed if it violates this section.

The following consequences apply after the student has already been addressed once within a school year about a particular violation of the business casual dress code. For example, a student who wears shorts to school is given a verbal warning. The following week, if that student wears shorts again to school, they will earn a written warning. The third week, if they wear a t-shirt to school, that is a different issue and they will receive a verbal warning.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: The student earns a verbal warning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: The student earns a written warning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Parent Conference with student and administrator
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Student sent home for the day

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## CCHS Dress Code 2020-2021

**Please sign and return at student orientation**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understand, and agree to support the 2020-2021 Dress Code as outlined in this packet and the handbook. I will do my best to uphold these standards, policies and procedures.

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Parent Signature

Date

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Student Signature

Date

Office Use Only

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_