

2016-2017 CCS APPEARANCE POLICY

Calvary Christian School does not intend to dictate the quality or style of clothing worn but rather honor God, and encourage good habits and acceptable group behavior. CCS students are expected to follow Biblical exhortations and common practices of modesty, cleanliness and neatness. Student dress and personal appearance should reflect dignity and pride in oneself and in the school. A student shall not dress, groom, wear, or use emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols where the effect is to unreasonably distract the attention of other students or otherwise cause disruption or interference with the operations of the school.

Acceptable appearance will include:

- Shirts – t-shirts, crewneck, v-neck, scoop-neck, collared, or turtleneck. Ladies may also wear sleeveless with shoulder straps at least 2 inches in width, sheer tops with sleeveless undershirt that is at least 2 inches in width
- Pants – jeans, business casual pants, dress pants that are not oversized or undersized
- Shorts, Dresses, Skirts – can be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (leggings are allowed under dresses or skirts that are the appropriate length; Note: leggings are considered hosiery and are not allowed alone as pants or with a short top)
- Shoes – dress and casual shoes, athletic shoes, or sandals
- Outerwear – sweaters, blazers, vests, jackets, hoodies or sweatshirts
- Grooming – clean shaven and hair must be off the collar and above the eyebrows for male students

Acceptable appearance for special occasions will include:

Dress Down Days – These will be announced periodically throughout the year for exams and special occasions. Students will be allowed to wear athletic pants or shorts no shorter than 3 inches above the kneecap. Yoga pants, leggings, and pajamas are not allowed on Dress Down Days.

Dress Up Days – These will be announced periodically throughout the year for special occasions. Students will be required to wear business casual or dress pants, dresses or skirts. All pants, dresses and skirts worn on Dress Up Days must follow the daily appearance policy.

School-Sponsored, Athletic, After-School, or Retreat Activities – Any regular appearance policy school clothing, warm-ups, sweats, or other recreational wear are acceptable. Males must wear shirts and females' tops must follow the acceptable appearance policy. Yoga pants and leggings are not acceptable.

Semi-Formal Occasions – Males should wear an open collar shirt with a sports jacket. Female dresses must completely cover the bust line and midriff, and not extend below mid-back. Dresses are to be no shorter than 5 inches above the kneecap, and must not rise higher than mid-thigh when student is seated. Slits are not to exceed 5 inches above the top of the kneecap, and must not rise higher than mid-thigh when student is seated.

Formal Occasions – Males should wear a button up shirt, coat and tie or a tuxedo. Female dresses must completely cover the bust line and midriff, and not extend below mid-back. Dresses are to be no shorter than 5 inches above the kneecap, and must not rise higher than mid-thigh when student is seated. Slits are not to exceed 5 inches above the top of the kneecap, and must not rise higher than mid-thigh when student is seated.

All elements of this appearance policy should be honored inside the building from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days and during any extracurricular activities. Provisions and standards relating to modesty and decency should be respected by the students and are enforceable by the staff anywhere on campus at all times. The school administration will make the final determination on whether a student's dress conflicts with these guidelines. General Guidelines to follow are: Be Neat, Be Clean, Be Decent, or Be Absent!

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Unacceptable appearance will include:

- Items advertising alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, racial imagery, obscene, crude or suggestive messages or use of profanity
- Designs or insignias, spikes, jewelry, satanic symbols, gang-related badges, color arrangements, and logos or symbols which denigrate social or ethnic groups
- Clothing with holes or frayed ends
- Oversized and undersized clothing
- Halter tops, racer backs, bare midriff, low cut tops (cleavage shall be covered), off-the-shoulder tops, spaghetti straps, or tank tops (straps less than 2 inches in width)
- Shorts, dresses or skirts that are more than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap
- Visible tattoos or body piercings for male or female students, other than earrings for female students
- Hats in the building for male and female students
- Flip flops, slide sandals, or bedroom shoes
- Athletic shorts or pants (with the exception of Dress Down Days), yoga pants, or leggings with a top less than 3 inches above the kneecap (extremely tight pants shall be considered leggings)
- Hair pins, bands, bandanas, combs, picks or any other objects in the hair for male students
- Extreme haircuts or hair color (administration has final say on what is considered to be extreme)

Clothing must provide adequate coverage at all times. All tops and pants should cover undergarments. If undergarments are showing, the clothing is inappropriate. Students who are dressed unacceptably will be required to change or be sent home, and be subject to disciplinary actions.