

Calvary Christian School
APPEARANCE POLICY – 2019-20

Instruction and guidance regarding personal appearance is an important part of each student's educational experience. Calvary guides students toward appropriate appearance based on the following values or considerations:

- 1) Biblical exhortations regarding modesty, moderation, and propriety.
- 2) a safe educational environment for students of various ages, which avoids the extremes of being either too casual or too formal.
- 3) an orderly educational environment, which encourages respect toward others, self, and the school's values.
- 4) an educational environment free from distraction or disruption.
- 5) acknowledgment of trends in styles and the availability and affordability of apparel.

General Guidelines

- 1) All elements of this policy are in effect during regular school hours. General appearance guidelines apply to students during after-school events at the discretion of the administration.
- 2) Student appearance should be neat, modest and avoid impropriety.
- 3) Student appearance and clothing should be appropriate for an educational environment and not cause distraction or disruption.
- 4) Clothing should appropriately fit and not be overly tight or baggy.
- 5) Clothing should be in good condition and not torn or ragged.
- 6) Clothing with graphics or artwork should communicate appropriate messages consistent with Calvary's values.
- 7) Since fashion frequently changes, students are expected to seek approval prior to wearing an article of clothing which may not follow Calvary's appearance policies. Without prior approval, questionable apparel will generally not be permitted.
- 8) Each division of the school will administer and enforce this policy according to its disciplinary procedures and in consideration of its students' developmental needs. Calvary administrators are responsible to make final decisions and provide further clarification or guidance as needed.
- 9) In some cases, a student may not be permitted to attend class if his clothing or appearance is immodest or significantly distracts or disrupts Calvary's educational environment. In these situations, it is the student's responsibility to change clothes before returning to class.

Apparel Guidelines

Outerwear:

Students may wear sweaters, sweatshirts (including hoodies), blazers, vests or light jackets over shirts which meet the dress code. Students may not wear over-sized coats (such as trench coats or ponchos).

Shirts:

Boys may wear a crewneck, V-neck, turtleneck, or collared shirts. They may not wear shirts which do not appropriately cover the body such as sleeveless or tight shirts.

Girls may wear a crewneck, V-neck, turtleneck or collared shirts and blouses that appropriately cover the body. Girls may not wear sheer tops (unless worn over an undershirt with at least three-inch straps), tight shirts, halter tops, strapless tops, low-cut necklines, bare backs or midriffs, one shoulder, and racerbacks. Sleeveless shirts with straps at least three inches in width are permitted. Girls are expected to cover all undergarments.

Pants and Shorts:

Students may wear appropriately fitted pants, denim jeans, or khaki-style shorts no shorter than three inches above the kneecap. Students may not wear athletic-style pants or shorts. Students are expected to cover undergarments.

Boys are encouraged to wear a belt.

Girls may not wear leggings or jeggings unless under a dress or skirt of the appropriate length.

Dresses and Skirts:

Girls may wear appropriately fitted dresses or skirts no shorter than three inches above the kneecap. Dresses should have modest necklines and must have straps at least three inches in width.

Footwear:

Students may wear dress, casual, athletic shoes or dress sandals with adjustable heel straps (for safety purposes). Students may not wear footwear such as slippers, flip-flops, or slide sandals (exceptions are Chacos and Birkenstock sandals). Students may not wear shoes with narrow heels or heels higher than two inches.

Hair:

Each student's hair should be clean and neatly groomed. Students may not wear extreme or distracting hairstyles or colors. (Students and parents are expected to seek administrative approval prior to making decisions with regard to extreme styles or color.)

Boys' hair must be kept off of the top of a collar (polo or dress shirt) and should not extend below the eyebrows. Boys must be cleanly shaven at all times.

Other Policies:

Students may not wear hats during school hours.

Students must keep tattoos covered.

Students may not wear distracting accessories. Boys may not wear visible piercing jewelry. Girls may wear earrings but no other visible piercing jewelry.

Theme Days:

Theme days will be announced during the school year with guidelines provided by the administration.

Semi-formal and Formal Occasions:

Boys should wear an open collar with a sports jacket for semi-formal occasions, or a coat and tie or tuxedo for formal occasions. Girls' dresses must completely cover the bust line and midriff, and not extend below mid-back. Girls' dresses (including slits) are to be no shorter than five inches above the kneecap and must not rise higher than mid-thigh when a student is seated.