

## Middle School Student Dress Code

Modesty is a non-negotiable in regards to dress code. However, we all want to give our students as many opportunities as possible to grow in wisdom in their choices, and personal attire is a great example of this opportunity.

The following middle school dress code will be enacted for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Modesty is the goal and is non-negotiable.
- Shirts and blouses do not have to be collared. Stripes, plaid, etc. allowed.
- T-shirts (NOT undershirts) without inappropriate pictures, or slogans are allowed. Concert / Band T-shirts are NOT allowed.
- Girls must wear tops that have a neckline that does not go lower than a hand's width of the base of their neck. No sleeveless tops of any kind.
- During cold weather months sweaters, sweatshirts and fleece jackets are allowed. Winter coats may NOT be worn in the classroom.
- Both boys and girls may wear zippered pants, including jeans (no holes, tears, frays, bleach marks) and shorts provided they are approximately to the top of the knee. **GYM SHORTS ARE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT ON GYM DAYS.**
- Girls' skirts and dresses must be approximately to the top of the knee.
- Hats of any kind are NOT allowed.
- **Chapel Dress – on chapel days, students must “dress up”. For boys, this means button down shirts of any color, long or short sleeve; dress pants or khakis, with shirt tucked in and a belt; tie. For girls, this means button down blouses of any color, long or short sleeve; skirt following length guidelines; dress pants; dress following length and modesty guidelines. This chapel dress is implemented in order to help our students learn about dressing for success in preparation for interviews, jobs, and other real-life situations where dress matters.**

All dress code guidelines stated in the Parent / Student Handbook regarding Hair color, piercings, shoes, etc. remain in effect.

### \*\*\*\*\*A note to parents\*\*\*\*\*

This dress code allows the students freedom to express themselves in an appropriate, modest way. We want to prevent the dress code from becoming a major issue at ALCS. Even though we recognize that much of the dress code is mere institutional preference, it is not optional. Students are expected to comply with the code, and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home. **We are not here to be the “Clothing Police.”**

It is inappropriate that complying students, teachers, or administrators be distracted from the educational process due to someone making a conscious choice to not honor his or her commitment to follow the code. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

## **Elementary Student Dress Code**

Please see the Parent-Student Handbook, pgs. 14 – 16, for the general dress code guidelines. Important to remember:

- Elementary students may not wear sandals or flip flops.
- Shoes must be on and tied at all times.
- Hats are not allowed in the building.
- Elementary students are NOT to wear leggings as pants. Leggings may ONLY be worn under skirts or dresses.

Please contact Mrs. Jones with any dress code questions.