5. Dress Standards

Without trying to make everyone dress alike, and respecting individual differences, the following guidelines have been created in the interest of good grooming, Christian modesty, and sound educational practices. The goal of our dress code is to establish a community standard that favorably represents our school and reflects our biblical beliefs. (Colossians 3:12)

1. General

- a. All clothing is to be free of offensive or inappropriate pictures or messages
- b. All clothing is to be free of rips, tears or holes
- c. Underwear is not to be visible

2. Shirts

- a. Tight fitting, midriff length, or low cut shirts are not permitted
- b. Tank tops are permitted but not a spaghetti strap style

3. Skirts

a. Must be no shorter than two inches from the top of the knee cap when standing

4. Shorts

- a. Must be no shorter than the tips of the fingers when standing straight with arms fully extended at your sides
- b. All shorts must be worn to the waistline

5. Pants

- a. Leggings are not permitted for grades 7-12
- b. All pants must be worn to the waistline

6. Hats

a. Hats are not to be worn in the school buildings

7. Athletic attire

- a. All students are required to wear suitable gym clothes for Physical Education classes
- b. Grades 5 to 12 are to change into approved school gym strip for Physical Education classes

8. Footwear

- a. Outdoor footwear may not be worn in the school
- b. Indoor shoes are required

Failure to adhere to the dress standards will result in disciplinary action as stated in <u>section 3.5</u>. If there is a discrepancy in interpretation of dress code standards, the principal has the final authority.

Parents and students have the primary responsibility to understand and adhere to the dress code. Clothing must fit properly – not too small and not too large. A student should not be dressed in such a way as to draw attention to his/her body, but to respect and honor God, themselves, and others. Our clothing should not simply be an expression of self but a recognition of the safe and caring community we are part of.