

Credo Christian High School Dress Code

In May 2022, the CCHS Board requested parental feedback about the dress code to which it received a lot of attention. It was helpful in updating the dress code. We realize the dress code can be a challenging issue to address, since there are a variety of opinions on what is appropriate. However, we all agree that God's word—not the world—is our standard and starting point. Romans 13: 14 can serve as one reference point, "Rather, clothe yourselves with (put on) the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh." We can also all agree that our students are the image bearers of Christ to those who visit the school from inside and outside of our community.

The manner in which our students and staff dress should be consistent with our beliefs. That would lead to clothing that is modest, decent and appropriate to the professional learning environment of our Christian School. We sincerely ask for the cooperation of our parents in engaging their sons and daughters in considering what is suitable for our God-centered school. We realize that any guidelines leave room for interpretation, so we are offering some specific criteria below. Please keep them in mind as you and/or your teens go shopping for clothes they'd like to wear to school. It IS possible to be appropriately stylish within these guidelines.

1. Clothing should be clean, neat, modest and in good repair and should be appropriate for the occasion, conducive to a professional and productive Christian school environment.
2. Clothing and personal items (e.g. backpacks, jewelry) should not promote a lifestyle inconsistent with the focus of our Christian education (e.g. no skulls, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, musical groups, companies, gangs, etc., that promote unacceptable lifestyles).
3. Modesty includes a number of considerations: clothing should, at minimum, cover the body generously (not body hugging*) from the upper shoulders/arms to just above the knee. Keep this in consideration when determining the appropriate length and fit of a shirt, T-shirt, skirt, dress, or shorts. This coverage also applies to ripped jeans. Cut-off jeans and pajamas bottoms are not suitable.
(Bottoms such as 'skinny' jeans, leggings, body hugging athletic wear, etc can only be worn if there is sufficient coverage of front and back by another garment.)
4. Jewelry and tattoos: Piercings are limited to girls' ears only. Tattoos should not be visible.
5. Personal grooming: cleanliness, neatness and modesty are the norm.
6. Hats are not to be worn indoors during school hours.
7. PE and sports teams will follow guidelines provided by their teachers and coaches. Appropriate footwear is mandatory. Length and style of shorts and shirts should abide by parameters outlined in #3 above.

8. Shoes must be worn at all times. Students are responsible for having proper footwear for the context they are in. (e.g. running shoes for PE and close-toed shoes for shop classes).
9. Credo staff and administration reserve the right to rule on admissibility and appropriateness. Uniform T-shirts will be provided at the office if necessary. If a student is regularly in non-compliance with the dress code, parents will be contacted and the student may be sent home.

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