

## DRESS CODE

Students of Shawnee Mission Christian School will abide by the following guidelines and requirements for school dress. Although dress style and other personal standards in and of themselves do not denote spirituality, no aspect of the Christian testimony is as obvious as that which relates to appearance. While we realize that the Bible does not specifically tell us how we should dress or how our hair should be cut, it does give us some principles to apply. In light of these principles, we are setting the institutional standards for our school. It is not our intention to say that a Christian who does not meet our standards is sinning, but only that our students must meet the standards in order for us to be consistent in our enforcement. General Scriptural guidelines for dress are:

- **Modesty** (I Timothy 2:9; II Timothy 2:22)
- **Distinction** (Deuteronomy 22:5; I Corinthians 11:14 – 15)
- **Identification with the Lord and not with the world** (I Timothy 4:12; Romans 12: 1 –2; I John 2: 15 – 17)
- **Appropriate** dress for the occasion.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

Clothing should be neat, clean, in good repair, and modestly fitted. Parents have the primary responsibility in teaching students to live by standards of Scripture. Parents are responsible to send their children to school with correct dress and grooming. Students will be counseled privately about violations in dress code and will be sent home to change into acceptable attire or be required to call home for parents to bring a change of clothing. An unexcused absence will be issued for time away from school to make necessary changes. Because of rapidly changing fashions, the administration reserves the right to adjust dress standards as necessary and to determine if dress or appearance is not appropriate and acceptable as per established standards.

### ELEMENTARY

#### Kindergarten

**Girls** may wear skirts, dresses, or jumpers that are knee length and should wear shorts or leggings under their dresses for modesty's sake. Girls are permitted to wear slacks, jeans, or sweat pants. Shorts alone may be worn only on designated field trips. Tennis shoes are allowed.

**Boys** may wear slacks, jeans, or sweat pants. Belts are not required. Any shirt that is neat and void of slogans or wording (except SMCS, sports teams, or small name brand logos) may be worn. No tanks tops are allowed. Shorts may be worn only on designated field trips. Tennis shoes are allowed. Conventional hairstyles should be kept trimmed, neatly combed, out of the eyes, off the ears, and off the collar.

#### 1st–6th Grade

##### **Girls**

Skirts or dresses should be to the knee. Girls may wear shorts or leggings under their dresses for modesty's sake on the playground. "Uniform" slacks that are loose-fitting not form-fitting may be worn. Slacks must conform to the 1" pinch rule. Any shirt that is neat and void of slogans or wording (except SMCS, sports teams, or small name brand logos) may be worn. No tanks tops are allowed. No low cut or see-through garments. Tennis shoes are allowed.

##### **Boys**

Dress slacks and neat denim jeans are allowed. Belt loops require belts. No sagging is allowed. Any shirt that is neat and void of slogans or wording (except SMCS, sports teams, or small name brand logos) may be worn. No tanks tops are allowed. Hairstyles should be kept trimmed, neatly combed, out of the eyes, off the ears, and off the collar. (No extreme hairstyle or hair coloring). No earrings, neck jewelry, or bracelets, unless needed for medical reasons. Tennis shoes are allowed.

## **JUNIOR HIGH/SENIOR HIGH**

### **Young Ladies**

Clothing should not be tight fitting. Skirts or dresses should be to the knees. Slits should not be higher than the knee. Leggings may be worn under skirts or dresses. Any shirt that is neat and void of slogans or wording (except SMCS, sports teams, or small name brand logos) may be worn. No T-shirts or tanks tops are allowed. No low cut or see-through garments. "Uniform" slacks that are loose-fitting not form-fitting may be worn. Slacks must conform to the 1" pinch rule. Make-up should be worn with discretion. Excess is to be avoided. Multiple earrings (more than two pair) or excessive jewelry is not allowed. Hair is to be kept neatly combed and clean. Extremes in styling, dyeing hair, etc. are to be avoided. Dress shoes, casual shoes, sandals (sandals with strap between the toes must have a back strap; backless sandals must not have anything between the toes) are acceptable. No bare feet. Flip-flops are not allowed. No tattoos are allowed.

### **Young Men**

Nice, non-faded, non-hole jeans or slacks may be worn. Belt loops require belts. Any shirt that is neat and void of slogans or wording (except SMCS, sports teams, or small name brand logos) may be worn. No T-shirts or tanks tops are allowed. Shirts are to be tucked in and buttoned appropriately. Hair must be off the ears, collar, and eyebrows. Hair is to be kept neatly combed and clean. Extremes in styling, dyeing hair, etc. are to be avoided. Young men need to be clean-shaven. No beards or sideburns beyond the **middle** of the ear. Jewelry (necklaces, earrings, and bracelets) is not to be worn unless needed for medical reasons and pre-approved by the administration. Socks must be worn. No bare feet. No tattoos are allowed. Dress shoes/nice casual shoes are acceptable.

## **DRESS CODE FOR GAME DAYS**

### **For those participating in sports**

Coaches and administration designated

### **For those attending games**

Nice jeans and T-shirts are permissible. Any shirt that is neat and void of slogans or wording (except SMCS, sports teams, or small name brand logos) may be worn. No tanks tops are allowed. They must be modest and appropriate.