

CWC MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Central Wisconsin Christian Schools endeavors to promote excellence in all areas of education, including dress. How students dress reveals much about their attitude toward life, respect for themselves, for their peers and for God. What we wear is one of the first things others notice about us and will definitely contribute to the first impression we make. Our dress is reflective of our cultural perception and how we desire to be perceived by others. Our dress can suggest that we are aligned with a Christian worldview or a secular worldview. If we desire to represent a Christian worldview, we will dress in a way that appropriately reflects Jesus Christ's presence in our lives as well as to protect their fellow students from temptation (Ephesians 5:3; 2 Timothy 2:22). Wherever we are, we represent Central Wisconsin Christian Schools. More importantly, we represent Jesus Christ. Our appearance is an important part of this in each and every school activity in which we are involved. Let us represent Christ and our school well by carefully selecting appropriate clothing to wear to all school related activities.

We rely primarily on the good taste of parents to see that their children appear at school looking neat, clean, and modest. The intent of the dress code is to encourage in students the idea that the appearance of a person may affect the personal judgment others make of them. The students and faculty of Central Wisconsin Christian School believe that personal responsibilities and good citizenship should be encouraged as a necessary part of a student's education.

Student dress should reflect Christian values of modesty and good taste. Clothing should be clean, neat, and appropriate for the classroom. To avoid being indecent, clothing should not be extreme in shortness or tightness of fit. Therefore, the following dress code is instituted with the realization that good taste in dress and grooming is a privilege as well as a responsibility. Students who repeatedly violate dress code provisions will be disciplined.

While a student may be appropriately dressed for a particular context, different contexts necessitate different acceptable dress. For example, while there is nothing inherently wrong with caps or tank tops, they are not contextually appropriate for school.

Specifics:

1. Clothing that can be seen (even if it is beneath outerwear such as see-through, lacy or semi-transparent clothing) must adhere to CWC's dress code policy.
2. Students must wear shoes or sandals at all times. They do not have to wear socks, but feet must be kept clean.
3. Hair length will be left to the discretion of parents, but at no time should the front be of such a length that hair obscures vision. Hair should be clean and neat at all times. No beards or mustaches are permitted.
4. Hats (caps, bandanas, other headwear) are not allowed in school during the school day.
5. All clothes worn shall be neat and well kept, without holes, frays and undergarments showing.
6. Clothing which advertises particular messages, pictures, or promote musical or other groups which are offensive and whose lives are inconsistent with Christian values may not be worn to school or during school functions or events.
7. No clothing (shirts, tops, shorts, skirts, pants, jeans) should be overly tight (no "yoga pants") or too revealing (showing bare midriff or cleavage) will be accepted. Leggings / tights (solid pattern – no lace or fish net etc) are allowed under shorts and skirts of appropriate lengths..
8. All shirts must have sleeves, thus tank tops (on the outside or under see-through or semi-transparent tops) and muscles shirts may not be worn to school.
9. Body piercings are not allowed for any students (for female students, earrings are permitted).
10. Shorts and skirts must extend beyond the wearer's fingertips when their arms are fully extended downward in standing position.
11. Students must follow the dress code in PE class.

Referral of a student will be done silently (and without verbal argument) with the teacher handing the student a dress code violation pass. The student must report immediately to the office to change the clothes in violation. Parental notification will be also be made regarding the violation.