

Abundant Life Christian School wants to foster an environment that is safe, conducive to learning and pleasing to God. One of the ways we do this is through a Dress Code Policy which provides students with a clear and consistent understanding of appropriate attire for learning within school.

## General Guidelines for All Students

### Elementary

Elementary students are required to wear clothing that covers all private parts, midriffs, and undergarments and should be appropriate for the day's activities. Shorts or leggings under skirts and dresses should be worn to ensure private parts and/or undergarments remain covered while students go about their days, which often involves sitting on the ground and playing on playground equipment. Weather is an important consideration. Elementary students go out to recess unless the wind chill factor is below -10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Students are not to wear clothing with inappropriate or distracting pictures or words (i.e.: swear words, pictures depicting violence or guns, portrayal of alcohol or drug brands or usage, etc.). Hats may not be worn in school during the school day. Hoods on sweatshirts must remain off the head while inside.

### Middle School & High School

The expectations below are meant to ensure that the clothing worn during the school day does not detract from learning. Students must dress for their school days within certain guidelines. Middle school and high school students are required to wear clothing that covers all private parts, midriffs, and undergarments and the clothing worn should be appropriate for the day's activities.

The following more specific expectations should be used to guide students' clothing choices:

- **Caps** and **hats** may not be worn in school; **hooded sweatshirts** are permitted as long as the hood is worn down.
- **Tops** must either have sleeves or, if sleeveless, they must have a shoulder strap width of at least two fingers (i.e., no strapless tops, spaghetti straps, or off-the-shoulder tops).
- **Shorts** are to be mid-thigh length or longer. Tops may not extend beyond the length of shorts.
- **Dresses** or **skirts** are to be at least mid-thigh in length. **Dresses** or **skirts** shorter than knee-length are to be worn with shorts underneath. **Leggings** are acceptable when worn with a top that is long enough to cover the student's bottom and front.
- **Jeans** may have rips in them, but any rips that show skin must be mid-thigh or lower.
- When considering **tops/shirt length**, bottoms of shirts must meet the top of pants, shorts, or skirts while sitting, standing, or leaning over.
- Clothing that is not opaque needs to be layered with a base layer.
- Students are not to wear clothing with inappropriate or distracting pictures or words (i.e.: swear words, pictures depicting violence or guns, portrayal of alcohol or drug brands or usage, etc.).

Print Student/Family Last name

While this policy provides expectations regarding many different types of clothing and what is appropriate for attire in our learning environment, it is not possible to address every dress code scenario or clothing item in this policy. We encourage students to ask the administration about a particular clothing item before wearing it to school if the student is unsure whether it would be acceptable under these guidelines. Administration reserves the right to modify and adjust the dress code policy based on what is in the best interest of the school.

**Dress Code Support** - If a staff member recognizes that a student's attire is not within the guidelines of the policy, an email\* will be sent to parents/guardians via RenWeb/FACTS S.I.S. titled "Behavior Event- Dress Code" that outlines the reason for non-compliance.

*\*Every effort will be made to protect the student's privacy and dignity when implementing dress code guidelines. However, if a situation arises where administration deems it necessary to provide immediate assistance to a dress code concern such as obscene language/graphics, wardrobe malfunctions, egregious non-compliance, etc; arrangements will be handled privately and with least disruption to the learning environment.*

### **Parent Signature Required**

Signature of Parent (Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent (Guardian) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Student Commitment** (required in grades 3-12):

Student #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student #5 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_