

## **TAKEN FROM THE MS/HS HANDBOOK**

### **SECTION VII: DRESS CODE**

*“Whose adorning let it not be the outward [appearance] . . . but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which . . . is a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God a great price.” 1 Peter 3:3-4 (KJV)*

#### **A. Policy Statement**

The Board of Trustees and Administration of Augusta Christian Schools has sought to develop a standard of modest dress and general appearance for students that will:

1. Be a testimony for the whole student body.
2. Be a testimony for the Christian atmosphere of our school.
3. Be an acceptable standard in the eyes of most of our parents.
4. Enhance the educational process.

#### **B. Parental Responsibilities**

When a student (Middle School/High School) is observed by a teacher or the administrator to be in non-compliance of the dress code, the parents or legal guardian may be called (at the discretion of the principal) and the student will be held out of class until the dress code issue has been remedied. Discipline will be administered for dress code issues as outlined.

Since this normally is an inconvenience to the parents or guardian as opposed to the students, parents are urged to supervise their child's dress on a daily basis.

#### **C. Dress Code Guidelines**

The following are guidelines to help promote a safe and effective Christian environment. Modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are the primary concerns of our dress code. Attire that distracts from the educational goals of the school is not permitted. The following standards shall apply during the school day as well as all regular school activities, unless otherwise stated.

Parents are expected to ensure that student attire is clean, neat, and appropriate for school and for special occasions and events. Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to change and parents will be called to bring appropriate attire. The dress code will be discussed at an assembly at the beginning of the school year.

The following standards shall apply during the school day as well as all **regular school activities**, unless otherwise stated.

1. Hair:

**No extreme hairstyles. Only natural hair colors are permitted for both males and females.**

Boys must be clean-shaven (except seniors).

Boys: Hair must be above the collar. Braids/locks are acceptable but must maintain the same length standard.

Mohawks and distracting styles must be avoided. Students have **one week** to get their haircut when parents are notified of the need for the hair to be cut. After that week, if the hair is not cut, a dress code violation will be issued to the student. The student may not return until in compliance.

*The administration will judge the appropriateness of any fad or questionable hair length or hair style.*

Students are expected to comply with the dress code and hair policy. Students out of compliance will be issued a warning with deadline and will not be permitted to return to class until adhering to the dress code policy.

2.

Jewelry

**Boys Acceptable Jewelry**

Bracelets and necklaces

Rings

Rings & toe rings, anklets

**Girls Acceptable Jewelry**

Two earrings per ear incl. bands

Bracelets and necklaces

**Boys Unacceptable Jewelry**

Earrings

Spiked jewelry

Face/Body piercings

Gauges

Wallet chains

Gothic attire

**Girls Unacceptable Jewelry**

More than two earrings per ear

incl. bands

Spiked jewelry

Face/Body piercing

Gauges

Wallet chains

Gothic attire

Arm warmers

3. **Tattoos:** No visible tattoos. Tattoos must be covered at all times during the school day as well as such times as students are participating in school sanctioned and extracurricular activities.
4. **Make-up:** Girls may wear make-up in moderation and good taste.
5. **Hats:** Hats may not be worn inside.
6. **Hoodies:** Hoodies are permissible but the hood may NOT be worn indoors.
7. **Nail Polish:** Boys are not permitted to wear nail polish.

8. **Clothing:**

- All clothing must be properly fitting. If normal movement reveals undergarments (**including bralettes**), the student's attire is inappropriate
- No dresses, skirts, or shorts that are more than three inches above the knee when standing
- Boys shorts must also be only three inches above the knee when standing
- Leggings may be worn as an undergarment with dresses or skirts only. Dresses and Skirts must not be more than three inches above the knee when standing (on all sides). 5" ***if*** Leggings are worn underneath.
- *Leggings may **not** be worn as pants with t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, etc.*
- Sweat pants, pajama pants, yoga pants, **Leggings**, athletic shorts, bathing suits, board shorts, offensive, or suggestive slogans or graphics are not allowed
- **Jeans with any size holes or rips are not allowed.** The bottom of jeans may have frays.
- All pants and slacks must be worn at the waist with no visible undergarments.
- No off-shoulder tops
- Shoulder and back cut-outs must not expose any type of undergarment
- Crop tops are not allowed. **Tops must be below the beltline. Normal movement must not reveal stomach skin.**
- Cami's may not be worn as tops. Tops must have a minimum of a cap sleeve and no undergarments showing.
- No sleeveless shirts (minimum cap sleeve)
- Shear or lacy tops must be worn with a cami that completely covers all undergarments (spaghetti straps are not appropriate)
- Muscle shirts are not allowed.
- Tank tops are not allowed unless they are worn under other layers. Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Blankets are not permitted.
- No slides/bedroom slippers or shoes that resemble bedroom slippers.

**Administration has the right to deem what is and is not modest.**

9. **Chapel Dress:** Students are strongly encouraged to wear Chapel dress attire. There will be no t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies allowed in Chapel services.

Boys: Nice pants, jeans, or shorts with collared (tucked in, with a belt).

Girls: Pants or jeans (dresses or skirts of appropriate dress code length are an option) with a nice top.

10. After School/Field Trip Attire/School-Sponsored Events:

**Students who are on campus after regular school hours**, even if involved in extracurricular activities (sports, cheerleading, etc.) must maintain acceptable standards for public attire as well as be a testimony for the Christian atmosphere of our school.

11. Dress Code Enforcement:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Detention

Students may be required to change clothes for dress code violations.

12. Special Dress Down Days/Homecoming:

The week of Homecoming will include several “special dress” days that will allow students to dress in attire that promotes the activities surrounding homecoming functions. Dress code and general appearance standards for students apply.

11. Homecoming/Junior-Senior Prom:

Students must dress modestly at formal events. Administrators will have final say on modesty issues. If in doubt, it is best to bring the dress to a female administrator to try on well in advance of the function.