CHAPTER 6: Dress Code

At Augusta Christian Schools, our dress code is intended to promote modesty, neatness, cleanliness, safety, and a Christ-centered learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a manner that reflects respect for themselves, others, and the mission of the school.

Parents are expected to ensure that their student's attire complies with the school's dress code before arriving on campus. These standards apply during the school day and at all school-sponsored activities unless otherwise communicated.

The administration reserves the right to determine whether any hairstyle, clothing, accessory, fashion trend, or aspect of a student's appearance is appropriate and consistent with the standards and values of Augusta Christian Schools.

Romans 12:2 – "**Do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect".

A. Hair & Grooming

Students should maintain hairstyles that are neat, clean, and appropriate for a Christian school environment.

Hair

- Only natural hair colors are permitted.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme or distracting.
- Boys' hair must remain above the shoulders.
- Braids, twists, and locks are permitted provided they meet the same length requirement.
- Boys may not have facial hair, except seniors, whose facial hair must be neatly groomed.

Students not in compliance with the hair policy will be given a reasonable opportunity to correct the issue before further disciplinary action is taken.

B. Jewelry, Piercings, Tattoos, Nail Polish & Makeup

The Following Are <u>Not</u> Permitted

- Earrings for boys.
- Facial or body piercings or gauges.
- Wallet chains or spiked jewelry.
- Gothic-style accessories.
- Visible tattoos (tattoos must remain covered at all times).
- Makeup or nail polish for boys.

Makeup

- Makeup should be worn in moderation.
- **Lower School:** Lip gloss only.

C. Hats & Hoodies

- Hats may not be worn inside school buildings.
- Hoodies are permitted; however, hoods may not be worn indoors.

D. Clothing Standards

Students are expected to dress in a manner that reflects modesty, good taste, and respect for the Christian values of Augusta Christian Schools. Clothing should be appropriate for the educational environment and should not distract from the learning process. Maintain a clean, neat, and well-groomed appearance.

- Wear clothing that fits appropriately and does not distract from the educational environment.
- Dress modestly at all times.
- Ensure that undergarments remain completely covered during normal movement.
- Wear clothing free from offensive, vulgar, suggestive, or inappropriate words, graphics, or images.
- Clothing must be clean, modest, properly fitted, and in good condition.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be **mid-thigh in length** and remain modest during normal movement, sitting, bending, and other daily activities.
- Jeans may not contain holes or rips that expose skin. Frayed hems are permitted.

- Pants must be worn at the waist, and undergarments may not be visible.
- Leggings, jeggings, or similar form-fitting pants may be worn only with a tunic-length top that completely covers the backside.
- Crop tops, off-the-shoulder tops, backless tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, and camisoles worn as outerwear are prohibited.
- Sleeveless shirts are permissible for girls if they provide full shoulder coverage, fit modestly, and do not expose undergarments.
- Clothing may not expose the midriff, cleavage, back, undergarments, or other areas considered immodest, including during normal movement.
- Sheer, mesh, lace, or transparent garments must be worn over clothing that fully covers all undergarments and otherwise meets school modesty standards.
- Pajama pants, bedroom slippers, and other sleepwear are not permitted.
- Athletic wear is permitted provided it complies with all school modesty standards. Athletic shorts must be **mid-thigh in length**.
- Clothing, accessories, or apparel displaying vulgar, offensive, sexually suggestive, discriminatory, illegal, or inappropriate language, images, symbols, or messages are prohibited.
- Clothing or accessories promoting or depicting alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, drugs, weapons, violence, or other activities inconsistent with the school's mission are prohibited.
- Political clothing, hats, banners, flags, or apparel that creates disruption, causes division, or distracts from the educational environment are not permitted.
- Shower shoes, slides, house shoes, and bedroom slippers are not permitted.

Because it is impossible to address every clothing style or fashion trend, the administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's attire meets the school's standards of modesty, appropriateness, and professionalism.

Students determined to be out of dress code may be required to change clothing, contact a parent or guardian for appropriate attire, or be subject to disciplinary action.

E. Dress Code Enforcement

Students who violate the dress code will be expected to correct the violation promptly. Students wearing attire deemed immodest will be required to change before returning to class. Students may be asked to change into appropriate clothing if a change of clothes is available.

If necessary:

- A parent or guardian may bring appropriate clothing to school.
- A student may be checked out to return home and change.
- If the violation is not related to modesty and cannot be corrected immediately, the administration may allow the student to remain in class for the remainder of the day with

the understanding that the attire may not be worn again.

Students who miss class due to a dress code violation remain responsible for completing all missed assignments.

F. Dress Code Consequences

Lower School

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Miss a Special

Third Offense: Detention

Upper School

First Offense: Warning

Second and Subsequent Offenses: Minor disciplinary offense (detention) and any additional disciplinary action written or deemed appropriate.

Repeated violations may result in further disciplinary consequences at the discretion of the administration.

G.Physical Education Dress Code (Upper School)

PE Dress Requirements

Students must wear athletic clothing appropriate for physical activity.

- Students are encouraged to wear Augusta Christian shirts or athletic apparel when available. All shirts should provide appropriate coverage and be free from inappropriate words, graphics, or messages.
- Athletic shorts, sweatpants, joggers, or athletic pants are permitted. Clothing must provide appropriate coverage and allow for movement.
- Athletic shorts must have a minimum 5-inch inseam and be modest in fit to ensure appropriate coverage during physical activity.
- Leggings, compression pants, or similar garments may not be worn as the only bottom

layer.
- Jeans, khakis, pajama pants, or clothing not designed for physical activity are not permitted.
- Athletic shoes are required. Crocs, slides, sandals, boots, and non-athletic footwear are not permitted.

Students are expected to arrive prepared and ready to participate each class period. Failure to meet PE dress expectations may result in a zero, reduced participation credit, and/or other consequences consistent with Augusta Christian School policies.

PE Dress Code Violations

Students who are not appropriately dressed for PE will be required to change before participating.

Students who are unable to comply with the PE dress code:

- May not participate in class activities.
- May receive a reduction in their daily participation grade.

H. School-Sponsored Activities

Students participating in field trips, athletic events, extracurricular activities, or remaining on campus after school are expected to continue following the Augusta Christian Schools dress code.

Students represent Augusta Christian Schools both on and off campus and are expected to maintain attire that reflects modesty and the Christian values of the school.

I. Special Dress Days

Throughout the school year, the administration may designate special dress days, including Homecoming Spirit Week.

Unless otherwise communicated, all general dress code standards remain in effect.

Costumes, themed attire, or special clothing that is offensive, immodest, unsafe, or disruptive will not be permitted.

J. Homecoming & Junior-Senior Prom Attire

Students attending Homecoming, Junior-Senior Prom, and other formal school-sponsored events are expected to dress in a manner that reflects modesty, good taste, and the Christian values of Augusta Christian Schools.

The Following Attire Is Not Permitted

- Dresses with excessively high slits.
- Low-cut or revealing necklines.
- Dresses shorter than **fingertip length** during normal standing and movement (for the average student).
- Cut-out designs exposing the sides, waist, or torso.
- Backless dresses or garments with excessively low backs.
- Attire exposing the midriff.
- Sheer or transparent panels that create the appearance of exposed skin in areas that would otherwise be considered immodest.
- Any attire deemed immodest or inappropriate by the school administration.

Students who have questions regarding the appropriateness of their formal attire are **strongly encouraged** to have their dress approved by their Division Principal before the event. Please retain your receipt until the dress has been approved in case an exchange becomes necessary.

Students who arrive at a school-sponsored formal event wearing attire that does not meet school standards may be denied admission or required to leave the event until appropriate attire is obtained.

The administration has the final authority in determining whether formal attire complies with the school's standards of modesty and appropriateness.