

## **Appendix A - Camden Christian Academy Dress Code**

### **Dress Code**

It is our desire to teach students to dress in a way that glorifies God. While we do not expect that each student or parent will agree with each part of this dress code, we do expect that each student abides by it and that each parent supports CCA by ensuring that your child meets the requirements of the dress code when leaving home in the mornings. In the development of this dress code, we have attempted to ensure clothing is modest, neat, and appropriate for the setting. We also seek to have a dress code that is easily understandable by those required to abide by it and to enforce it.

While many styles of clothes, jewelry, hair and current trends are considered appropriate in today's society, the administration has the sole authority to determine if a specific item meets the requirements of this dress code. We should all understand that what is too tight, revealing, or inappropriate is a judgment call made by the administration, and everyone may not agree in each specific instance. A certain top that is appropriate on one student may not be appropriate on another. If you have any questions concerning what should or should not be bought, please consult the administration prior to purchasing anything.

#### **Pants (All):**

Dress, casual, jeans or cargo style, plain or pleated front, solid colors.

Relaxed fit

Pants should sit at the waist.

Pants should be neat, clean, and not torn, ragged or sagging.

No writing or logos on pants, including camo.

No sweat pants.

No shorts except in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and below.

Girls only: Capri's must be to the middle of the calf.

#### **Shirts (Boys):**

Shirts must not draw undue attention in length or size.

Christian and patriotic t-shirts are acceptable. Sports teams and mascots are acceptable.

The do not have to be tucked in.

Muscle tees, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

Shirts should be modest in design and buttoned at all times.

#### **Shirts (Girls):**

Shirts should be modest in design with NO revealing necklines.

Christian and patriotic t-shirts are acceptable. Sports teams and mascots are acceptable.

The do not have to be tucked in.

No midriff flesh showing

Muscle tees, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

Shirts that are too short or tight are not allowed.

**Sweaters and Sweatshirts (All):**

Sweaters and sweatshirts that do not draw undue attention in length or size are allowed (If sweaters or sweat shirts are removed during the day the clothes underneath must meet the dress code.)

**All writing and logos on tops (shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters) must be appropriate and in good taste.**

Appropriate: Jesus Saves, See you at the Pole, Arkansas Razorbacks, etc.

Inappropriate: God hates “xxx”, God loves “an inappropriate behavior “, any brand/product that CCA does not want to promote, etc.”

Clothing brands that are not immoral are acceptable (i.e. Polo, Aeropostale, American Eagle, Izod). Clothing brands with immoral ties or slogans are not acceptable (i.e. Abercrombie, Sean John). Any clothing with negative themes are not allowed.

**Dresses and Skirts:**

When kneeling, the hem of the dress or skirt must reach the floor.

Slits in skirts must not come above the knee.

No front splits in dresses and skirts.

**Hair Styles:**

Hair should be well groomed. Shaggy cuts, spiked hair, Mohawks, etc. are not acceptable haircuts. Hats, caps, toboggans, bandannas, or any type of head covering will not be allowed during class hours.

**Shoes:**

Socks and shoes must be worn at all times.

Shoes may be casual, tennis shoes, or sandals. (Socks need not be worn with sandals.),

Shoes must look presentable, no writing, etc.

Regardless of the style of shoes worn, students must be able to walk without making excessive noise. If they cannot walk quietly in a pair of shoes, they will be asked not to wear those shoes.

**Body Piercing, Tattoos, Body art, and Jewelry:**

No body piercing allowed except for earrings for the girls.

No tattoos, including fake tattoos or hand drawn body art are allowed.

Boys may not wear nail polish or other make-up.

Excessive or inappropriate jewelry may not be worn.

Boys may wear one bracelet and one necklace, but no earrings.

Appropriate jewelry: stud earrings, tasteful pendants and bracelets

Inappropriate jewelry: skull and crossbones, multiple necklaces, excessive bracelets, mouth jewelry, excessive ear piercing, etc.

**Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Shorts may be worn to the knee.

Tops may have writing and pictures that are not suggestive or inappropriate. No writing is allowed on pants.

Appropriate examples: princess, angel,

Inappropriate examples: hottie, little devil, brat,

Dress Code regarding **formal attire** will be distributed prior to special events. Please consult the administration prior to purchasing.

**Dress Code Enforcement**

Enforcement of the CCA dress code should start with the parents. Students are to arrive at school each day dressed properly. If the administrator determines that a student must leave class because of a dress code violation, the absence will be unexcused.

The administrator has the responsibility of enforcing the dress code. The administrator will be assisted by other faculty members as requested and by a peer review group. The peer review group will consist of faculty members and students selected by the administrator. The administrator will determine any disciplinary actions for dress code violations.

**FAQ's**

Q: Are Christian and patriotic t-shirts allowed all the time?

A: Yes.

Q: Are other t-shirts allowed at any time?

A: Yes.

Q: Are writing and pictures on clothing other than Christian and patriotic t-shirts allowed?

A: Yes, as long as it is appropriate and in good taste.

Q: Is camouflage allowed?

A: No.

Q: What style of shirts may girls wear?

A: Any that is modest in fit with no revealing necklines, with the exception of muscle tees or tank tops.

Q: Are flip-flops considered sandals?

A: Yes. However, students on the playground must have shoes on at all times. It is recommended that they do not wear flip-flops on the

playground because, if they cannot keep them on then they must sit out recess.

- Q: Are warm ups and sweat suites allowed?  
A: Warm ups with no writing on the pants are allowed if they meet all the other requirements. Sweat suites are not allowed. Sweatshirts are allowed.
- Q: Would “Abercrombie and Fitch” be an acceptable brand name on clothes?  
A: No. Much of the clothing is designed to be immodest and many consider their catalogs pornographic in content.
- Q: Would “Budweiser, an American Tradition” be acceptable as a patriotic t-shirt?  
A: No, alcohol consumption is an activity that we will not promote or condone.