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6.12 Student Dress Code Policy

1. Policy

KCA supports a dress code that is consistent with principles and values as portrayed in the Bible.

2. Philosophy

The goal of this dress code is to encourage students to present themselves in ways that honour God and that align with the context of attending a Christian School. The code is meant to provide a reasonable standard for parents, faculty and students.

We believe that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”, so, we wish to guide students to dress in ways that support their individuality while also encouraging a community of respect, purity, and modesty. Scriptural support for a dress code may be found in 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Peter 3:3-4; and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

3. Principles

- 3.1. The Bible enjoins us to dress modestly, and live not for ourselves but for others. Modesty refers not only to avoiding that which is sensual but also to avoiding that which calls attention to oneself.
- 3.2. The Bible teaches that we should recognize and honour the God-ordained distinctions between male and female.
- 3.3. Clothing should be appropriate for promoting the goal of a strong learning environment and academic excellence. It should therefore be comfortable for the wearer and not a distraction for others.
- 3.4. Good stewardship requires that clothing be practical and affordable.
- 3.5. When addressing breaches of dress code, issues should be dealt with respectfully and privately.

4. Student Dress Code

- 4.1. All Students
 - 4.1.1 All aspects of dress should be neat, clean, and modest.
 - 4.1.2 No clothing that shows your midriff or cleavage.
 - 4.1.3 Undergarments should be covered at all times.
 - 4.1.4 No spaghetti straps, halter tops, or strapless tops.
 - 4.1.5 Prohibited tops include deep-cut weightlifting shirts, low-hanging side-seam tees, manually cut-off or ripped sleeves, and saggy, oversized tank tops.
 - 4.1.6 Shirts must provide a modest, non-form-fitting fit and may not be tight or body-hugging.
 - 4.1.7 No clothing that displays offensive, or anti-Christian messages.
 - 4.1.8 For swimming activities for female students, bathing suits must be modest. Acceptable suits are a modest one-piece bathing suit, a modest tankini,

or a modest two-piece bathing suit with a t-shirt cover. Thongs are not allowed. Shorts over a swimsuit, if desired, are acceptable at any length.

4.2 Elementary Students

4.2.1 No hats or sunglasses in class

4.3 Middle/High School students

4.3.1 Hats and/or sunglasses are not to be worn in class.

4.3.2 Shorts must be modest in fit; when in question, an appropriate guide would be when a student stands upright with arms relaxed at their sides and fingers are fully extended, the hem of the garment should be at the tips of the fingers or below.

4.3.3 Skirts and dresses must be modest in fit; when in question, an appropriate guide is mid-thigh length

4.3.4 For Physical education activities, students in grades six through twelve are required to wear approved KCA gym shirts. Acceptable bottoms include modest shorts, sweatpants, athletic leggings or yoga pants. Students are required to have non-marking running shoes.

5. Exceptions

5.1. Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special events at the discretion of the Principal; however it is expected that modesty will still be practiced.

5.2. Students may be asked to dress more formally for certain public events such as field trips, concerts, ministry groups, etc.

5.3. Students may be permitted to dress more casually for sporting events, retreats, etc.

5.4. Students who have identified individual needs (ie: sensory) may be exempt from specific dress code particulars, as identified in their individual education plans.

Please consider body structure when it comes to clothing choices. We come in all shapes and sizes, so it is difficult to prescribe arbitrary measurements for these areas. Instead, we ask that you choose clothing that covers your body in ways that demonstrate modesty