

## Barry County Christian School

### Dress Code 2011/2012

Our school has been created for the glory of God; therefore our guidelines reflect these Biblical principles:

1 Peter 3:3-4 "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

1 Timothy 2:9a "I also want women to dress modestly..."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, therefore honor God with your body."

It is the parent's responsibility to see that their student dresses properly. It is the student's responsibility to submit to his parents and those in authority. Students are to dress in a way that doesn't bring attention to himself or is offensive to others. The final authority is the Administrator's.

The rules that follow give more specific guidance about reaching these expectations. The following will be enforced:

Personal grooming of each student should be in accord with the standards of the dress code—clean and neat.

Students are expected to maintain good hygiene throughout the day. All grooming should be done before entering class.

Attire that consists of profane, obscene, offensive or degrading to others, sexually implied or explicit suggestions, as well as clothing that has advertisements or promotes tobacco, alcohol, or substance abuse is prohibited.

The display of inappropriate graphics or words or secular musical groups on clothing, including but not limited to pictures, is prohibited.

Attire must be clean, neat, and size appropriate. Attire with rips, tears, and/or holes is prohibited.

All shirts must fall below the waistline, and be modest. The following will be inappropriate:

- a. Skin showing mid-torso region, regardless of movement,
  - b. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts (sleeves must break the shoulder),
  - c. Sheer, see-through blouses or shirts,
  - d. Low-cut tops, (absolutely no cleavage showing),
  - e. Undergarments that are exposed.
6. The following will be inappropriate regarding pants:
- a. Sagging and low-cut pants that expose a student's undergarment, regardless of movement,
  - b. Words on the seat of pants,
  - c. Athletic, lounge, or sweat pants (team warm-ups with shorts underneath are allowed on game days),
  - d. Pajamas are not appropriate for school.
  - e. Capri's or shorts above the knee (fingertip length for elementary).
7. **All** skirts and dresses must not be shorter than the top of the kneecap, including hemline and slit.
8. No "Heelys" (shoes with rollers) or rollerblades of any type.
9. Body piercing objects (including the tongue and nose) or clip-on objects that give the appearance of piercing is prohibited for all students. Only girls may wear appropriate earrings.
10. Tattoos, including temporary washable ones, are prohibited; students who already have tattoos must cover them.
11. No sunglasses, hats, hoods, or du-rags are to be worn in the building.
12. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted, e.g. Mohawk, dreadlocks, multicolored hair, and unnatural hair color. Hair must be clean, neat, and well-kept. Hair for males must be out of the eyes.

13. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times inside the building (no bedroom slippers).

#### **GYM CLASS DRESS CODE POLICY:**

Proper dress includes a t-shirt with shorts at least finger-tip length or pants. Sneakers must be worn and be clean with a non-marking sole.

#### **ATHLETIC PRACTICE DRESS CODE POLICY:**

1. The torso should be covered with a top that does not expose the mid-torso region,
  - a. undergarments, or cleavage for girls;
  - b. for boys during coed activities.
2. Shorts must be at least finger-tip length.
3. All previously mentioned dress code policies are in effect with the exception of tank tops and shorts.

#### **OFF-CAMPUS DRESS CODE POLICY:**

When students are off campus participating in activities that represent our school, appropriate clothing is important as a reflection of our school and the Lord Jesus Christ. Dress code policy for these activities will be directed otherwise by the sponsor of that group.

#### **CONSEQUENCES:**

Final decisions concerning alleged dress code violations rest with the building principal. The following consequences will be carried out if a student is found in violation of the dress code policy:

**1<sup>ST</sup> Offense:** A verbal warning is given, correction (the school gives the student something to wear to cover up the offensive clothing), and notification of parents.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Offense:** Detention and notification of the parents by phone to provide correction.

**3<sup>RD</sup> Offense:** Double detention, correction, and a conference with parents at school.

**Continued Offense:** Suspension and notification of discipline committee.

Automatic detention may be given due to "attitude" or "open defiance" on the first offense if deemed necessary by the staff.

#### **SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS DRESS CODE POLICY**

Students and parents are encouraged to remember that at the BCCS special events our dress and behavior is also a reflection of our Father and His claim on our lives. While chaperones at these events do not desire to have to correct students they will in an extreme circumstance occurs. Clothing will be formal or semi formal and must meet the following guidelines:

1. Backless, plunging backs and open sides are prohibited.
2. Cleavage must be covered.
3. All skirts and dresses must not be shorter than the top of the kneecap, including hemline and slit.
4. If attire consists of two pieces, the mid-torso region is not exposed.

**Consequences:** Any student whose clothing does not meet the previous guidelines will not be allowed to attend the special event. Money will not be refunded. The student's parents will be notified.

#### **Dress Code Adjustments for Elementary**

1. The timeline for fingertip length or longer shorts is May 1 – September 30.
2. The consequences for violations of the dress code by elementary students may be adjusted to what is appropriate for that grade level.