



Plymouth Christian Academy Secondary Student Dress Code

As a school that seeks to exist for God's glory, it is important that we meet those standards in every aspect of our school culture. Our appearance should encourage concentrated study and in no way distract from the learning process. Therefore, our appearance code is defined by three specific

standards: **modesty, appropriateness, and neatness.**

Modesty – First and foremost, a student's appearance should reflect his/her identity as a follower of Christ, created by God as male or female. Everything we do is an expression of our relationship with God. The Bible makes it clear that we are to be modest and treat our bodies with the utmost respect. It is important to note that what is "in style" is not always in accordance with the standards we seek to reflect. However, as Christians, we are called to be "different than the world".

The following would not meet **modesty** standard:

1. Sleeveless shirts and tops
2. Visible undergarments
3. Tight fitting pants, shorts or tops – leggings can be worn under a dress code length item of clothing (see #4).
4. Short dresses, skirts or shorts – length (including slits) should be no higher than 2 inches above the knee
5. Tops that reveal cleavage, stomach, or back. Tops must cover the torso at all times and should be no lower than one hand-width below the collarbone.

Appropriateness – Appropriateness can be defined as presenting oneself in a manner that fits the occasion. An appropriate appearance is one that does not distract from the educational process or draw excess attention to oneself.

The following would not meet the **appropriate** standard:

1. Faddish extremes
2. Jewelry and makeup not worn in moderation and good taste
3. Body piercing jewelry (including nose rings, lip, eyebrow, and anything other than earrings for girls).
4. Items that promote any message or images that are contrary to Christian values and principles
5. Athletic-style pants or shorts
6. Hats, hoods, sunglasses, or ear buds, in the school building
7. Visible tattoos
8. Hair dyes that are not of natural color
9. Clothing meant for sleeping and lounging at home including pajama pants and house shoes.

Neatness – Neatness can be defined as a look that is clean with clothes that are proper fitting and in good repair.

The following would not meet the **neatness** standard:

1. Pants that drag on the floor
2. Clothing that has rips, tears, or holes
3. Young men with hair that exceeds eyebrows and/or the collar (no pony tails or man buns)
4. Facial hair that is not well groomed and neat.

Enforcement: Students who do not meet these standards will be referred to the Dean of Students or his/her designee for final evaluation. Students will be asked to call their parents and have the appropriate clothing brought from home (if they don't have clothing on site). Students will not be permitted back into class until the problem is corrected. Time out of class will be considered an absence. **Plymouth Christian Academy reserves the right to make a final judgment on all clothing**