

DRESS CODE

God reminds us that all things are to be done decently and in order. Keeping this in mind the faculty and Board of Christian Education (BOCE) have adopted the following dress policy for ZLS.

As a Christian School Zion has a unique ability to nurture students so they may be enabled to demonstrate their love for the Lord in all they do, including dress. This policy has been developed in order to promote an environment that reflects appropriate Christian living, a commitment to modesty, and a focus on academics.

Faculty and parents realize that the matter of student dress guidelines is a sensitive issue. The faculty appreciates parents' understanding of and cooperation with, our school dress policy. We trust parents share our desire to foster high standards in every area of our school program, including dress and personal appearance. All of us are encouraged to help our children adhere to these dress guidelines faithfully throughout the school year, rather than placing them in the position of having to make "dress corrections".

The faculty and BOCE feel that high expectations regarding modest and tastefully appropriate dress is a significant aspect of overall training in Christian living.

Grooming Guidelines

- All hair should be kept clean and neat.
- Facial cosmetics are not to be worn during school or school events.
- Jewelry worn in piercings will be confined to the ear only. Extremely oversized jewelry will not be permitted.
- Regular bathing is healthy and courteous. The appropriate use of deodorant is requested.

General Attire Guidelines

Clothing should be neat, in good condition, appropriate fit, without holes or tears, and should be clean.

Boys:

Bottoms

Boys are allowed to wear jeans, khakis, dress pants, or slacks, shorts (weather appropriate).

Tops

Boys are allowed to wear short or long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters.

Girls:

Bottoms

Girls are allowed to wear jeans, khakis, dress pants, capris, or slacks. Skorts and shorts (weather appropriate) must be fingertip length or longer. Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Leggings may only be worn under appropriate length skirts and tops.

Tops

Girls are allowed to wear short or long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters.

Shoes

Shoes must be secured to the foot. Low-heeled shoes (loafers, dress shoes, athletic shoes, hiking style boots, or sandals) must be worn. Heels may not be higher than 1". Shoes without a back or strap may only be worn in 6-8 grades. Flip-flops, slides and slippers are not allowed at school.

Undergarments

Any type of undergarment must not be visible.

Shorts

Shorts meeting required length and fit standards are acceptable anytime during the school year when the weather is appropriate.

- Shorts must be fingertip length.
- Shorts may not be excessively tight.

Outdoor clothing

Outdoor clothing and apparel (outer coats, jackets, hats, gloves, visors, bandanas, sunglasses, etc.) are not to be worn in the classroom.

Appropriate outdoor clothing must be worn outside on cold weather days.

Modesty

Clothing must be modest in fit (i.e. not too tight, baggy, or revealing).

Miscellaneous

- Parents please read the messages printed on your child's clothing. Some advertise products, places, and lifestyles inappropriate to Zion's philosophy of Christian education. Articles of clothing with offensive and/or obscene remarks or those that promote or glorify drugs/alcohol, etc. may not be worn at school.
- Please check if you are uncertain of any of the guidelines regarding appearance including, but not limited to: clothing, grooming, jewelry, hair, shoes, etc...

Extra-Curricular Activities

Students often leave campus on field trips and interact with people in the community. Normally, the school dress code and rules still apply. The principal and/or teachers may ask that students dress according to the activity, keeping in mind our desire to promote an excellent positive image.

When students represent Zion at school sponsored athletic events, the school dress code and rules still apply. Since we are in the public eye, the principal or coach may ask that students dress according to the occasion.

Enforcement

1. In the event of a first-time minor violation of the dress code, the teacher will give a warning to the student
2. A repeat of the same infraction will be treated as a major violation of the dress code.
3. In the event of a major violation of the dress code that warrants immediate action, the student will be removed from class until the parents are contacted and alternative clothing provided.

The Principal, Teachers and the Student Council may determine special dress days.