



Dress Code

The way that students, staff, and volunteers dress has an impact on the tone of the school; therefore, all are expected to dress appropriately for their particular roles. Cornerstone's standard of dress and appearance aims to demonstrate that it is a place of business. The dress code is in effect during the school day, during extra-curricular activities, class field trips, and any other school related function that may happen in or out of the school.

It is noted that not every possible scenario can be predicted and detailed in a dress code. Therefore, staff reserves the right to address a concern which is not specified in the dress code. Common sense shall prevail.

We acknowledge that our guidelines may be viewed as too strict by some and not strict enough by others. Our families come from diverse backgrounds and have differing beliefs around issues like modesty and appropriate dress. Our guidelines are designed with this diversity in mind and strive to be within a reasonable middle-ground.

General

School is a place of business. Dress and appearance should be appropriate for a conservative workplace. Students may engage in many different activities throughout their school day so should dress with this in mind.

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring and enforcing that students dress according to the guidelines below. By choosing to send children to Cornerstone, parents/guardians inherently agree to support school rules, expectations, and the dress code.

The following are more specific guidelines:

- Students should dress for the weather and in a way that is comfortable for a variety of activities such as sitting in desks, completing activities around tables, sitting on the floor in chapel, etc.
- Shoes with non-marking soles are to be worn at all times in the building.
- Hats and hoods can only be worn outside of the school building. Exemptions may be negotiable for medical or physical reasons (ex. hair loss due to illness) as well as for special theme days.
- Clothing, jewelry, and other accessories must be free of offensive or suggestive language, pictures, designs, symbols, and slogans; political ideologies; and must not promote values contrary to Christianity.
- Cornerstone is a "Scent-Sensitive" environment—heavy fragrances, perfumes, body-sprays, etc. should be avoided.

Dress Code Concerns

Staff will respectfully address minor concerns with students (ex. A student wearing a hat in class). Staff will also respectfully address issues around offensive or Counter-Christian content with students and/or parents. Students may be asked to remove or cover-up the item in question or go home to change pending the circumstance. Length of shorts/skirts, amount of revealed skin, and other such possibilities are under the umbrella of parental autonomy and choice for their family. Staff may contact parents if there is a major concern in an attempt to protect the dignity of a student.