



## WHITE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### High School Dress Code Policy

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

As a Christian institution, we believe it is vitally important for our students to learn how to apply God's Word to every area of life. We believe the focus should be on teaching principles that apply in dress code and grooming issues. The goal is to enable students to dress in a spirit or attitude that reflects the values of Jesus.

#### 2.0 POLICY

The principles from God's Word that we believe should govern our dress and grooming.

2.1 Students should honor the Lord and their parents in their dress grooming (I Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 6:1-3).

2.2 Students should dress and groom in a modest way (I Timothy 2:9, Romans 14:13-15). 2.3 Students should dress and groom in a manner that focuses on learning and being a student. This means a student should dress in a manner that is appropriate to what they are doing, just as an athlete wears a uniform for a particular sport (II

Timothy 2:4-5). 2.4 Students should dress and groom in a gender appropriate manner (I Corinthians 11:14).

2.5 Students should not be trying to focus attention on themselves by their dress or grooming. Nor should students dress or groom in a manner that would be a hindrance to the work of the Gospel.

2.6 Students should not dress or groom in a manner that would be a stumbling block to others. Literally students should not dress in a way that would cause another student to disobey God (Romans 14:13).

2.7 Students should be humble and teachable in their dress and grooming (James 4:6).

#### 3.0 GENERAL

3.1 Standards for boys and girls

3.1.1 Clothing must be neat, clean, in good repair, and appropriately sized. Clothing articles with holes, rips, or tears may not be worn.

3.1.2 Hats may not be worn in the building by students (2.3).

3.1.3 Footwear must be worn at all times (2.3).

3.1.4 Unnaturally colored hair (blue, green, etc.) is not acceptable except for spirit week (2.2).

3.1.5 Visible tattoos may not be worn (2.5).

3.1.6 Emblems or jewelry with new age or occult symbols, punk or rock slogans that are secular, worldly, or carnal may not be worn (2.1). No body piercing is allowed (2.3).

3.1.7 There is to be no undergarment-type clothing showing, such as bras, sports bras, boxers, or long underwear.

3.1.8 Shorts must be no shorter than fingertips hanging at your side. Athletic shorts are not approved shorts for classroom instruction. Volleyball/Compression shorts may not be worn outside of practice and competition and must meet proper length for shorts (2.1).

3.1.9 Sweatpants and joggers are only allowed on specified days by the Athletic Director (2.1).

3.1.10 Outerwear constituting jackets, sweatshirts, fleeces and equivalents may be worn to and from school or when outside during the school day. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence or any other sinful activity. Vests or knitted sweaters may be worn during class time as a part of appropriate instructional attire. If a garment is in possession of a hood that hood will not be worn covering the head while inside the building.

3.2 Standards specifically for girls.

3.2.1 Blue jeans or khakis may be worn but there may not be any skin showing between pants and the top (2.2).

3.2.2 A collared button down shirt, polo, placard shirt, or blouse will be worn. A placard shirt is a "henley" style garment, with no printed graphics, consisting of at least three buttons. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence or any other sinful activity. A "blouse" is any stylish top as commonly understood by the Godly female faculty of WMCA. A blouse is not a tank top in any form. If a blouse or dress has a sleeveless effect it must be wider than a credit card going over the shoulder.

3.2.3 Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than the kneecap. If the outfit has a slit, it must be modest and no higher than the knee. Compression shorts will be worn under all dresses and skirts. Necklines must be modest (no cleavage). Blouses, skirts, or dresses that can be seen through may not be worn (2.2).

3.2.4 Girls may wear a total of 4 earrings. No nose or lip piercings may be worn (2.3, 2.5).

3.2.5 Banquet dress length must comply with the school dress code and the neckline must be modest (2.2).

3.2.6 When allowable to be worn leggings, tights, yoga pants, athletics pants, and compression pants require front and back coverage down to the fingertips hanging at your side.

3.2.7 Shoes should be sensible and allow normal movement from one class to the next, ie: no high heels. Sandals are acceptable, flip flops and slides are not. Crocs or equivalent style shoes are not appropriate for instructional attire. If socks have logos, they should not endorse alcohol, violence or any other sinful activity.

3.3 Standards specifically for boys

3.3.1 Piercings and necklaces (chains) may not be worn (2.5, 2.6).

3.3.2 Hair must be neatly groomed (2.4). Male students will shave as is necessary, no facial hair is permitted.

3.3.3 Shirts for boys will be button down collared, polo, or placard. A placard shirt is a "henley" style garment, with no printed graphics, consisting of at least three buttons. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence or any other sinful activity.

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3.4 Standards for P.E. and Sports Practices

3.4.1 T-shirts, tank tops, and athletic shorts or pants are to be worn. Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Gym or sport appropriate shoes must be worn. Specified WMCA P.E. uniforms will be worn during P.E. and should be clean daily (2.2, 2.3).

3.5 Please note: If your student is not appropriately dressed for school, parents will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school for the student.

3.6 Student visitors need to be in dress code when they come to our campus.

#### 4.0 Chapel Dress

4.1 Standards for boys.

4.1.1 No shorts of any kind may be worn during chapel unless directed ie: (Spirit Week).

4.1.2 Long pants in good repair will be worn (jeans are ok, joggers and sweats are not).

4.1.3 Collared button down shirt will be worn and tucked in with a belt. If logos are worn, they should not endorse alcohol, violence or any other sinful activity.

4.2 Standards for girls

4.2.1 No shorts of any kind may be worn during chapel unless directed ie: (Spirit Week).

4.2.2 Long pants in good repair will be worn (jeans are ok, no joggers, leggings and sweats).

4.2.3 An appropriate shirt or blouse may be worn. Dresses/skirts must meet standards (3.2.3).

4.2.4 Girls should endeavor to dress more professionally than usual on Chapel Day (2.5).