

Judah Christian School

Elementary Dress Code

Judah Christian School is a place for learning. Consequently, our appearance should encourage concentrated study and should in no way distract from the learning process. Students' appearance should also reflect the Christian value of encouraging the focus on the inner self, not the outer. If a student or parent has a question of whether a specific garment or style is appropriate, the time to check is before wearing it. Since students purchase their clothing as a part of the family unit, and dress at home, a great responsibility rests upon the parents to give proper guidance. We would much prefer appropriate clothing decisions be handled at home to insure compliance with our dress code. The administration will be the final judge of whether a student has failed to comply with the guidelines for appropriate school dress.

Shirts/Tops (any color or pattern)

- Loose-fitting shirts/blouses with collars and buttons up the front.
- Loose-fitting shirts/blouses with collars and snaps up the front.
- Shirts for young men should have sleeves and are to be tucked in.
- Blouses for young women may be sleeveless and untucked if the bottom is squared off. Untucked blouses should be worn with a tucked in undershirt.
- Loose-fitting polo-type shirts.
- Loose-fitting turtleneck and mock turtleneck shirts may be worn.
- Shirts and blouses will have no more than the top button (or snap) unbuttoned.
- Exposing the midriff or torso of the body will not be accepted. (A good test for this provision is that no skin or underwear is visible when the student bends down, bends over or raises their arms over their heads.)
- Underwear should not be visible at any time.
- Lettering or logos should be positive and not God dis-honoring. Messages that promote controlled substances, alcohol, or other objectionable or disrespectful items of any kind may not be worn.
- Shirts or blouses should not have character or cartoon figures on them.
- Class T-shirts (designed and made in class) may be worn on field trip and special days determined by the teacher.

Slacks/Shorts

- Chino or Docker-style (flat front or pleated front) and cargo style, loose-fitting slacks in solid colors of navy, black, gray, or khaki (tan, green, or brown).
- Corduroy pants, skirts, jumpers, and shorts in solid colors of navy, black, gray, or khaki (tan, green, or brown).
- All pants must be worn at the waist. (Please ask if the meaning of this rule is not clear to you)
- Belts are required on pants with belt loops.
- Walking shorts (or "Capris" for girls) made of the same material as the slacks are acceptable in colors of navy, black, gray, or khaki--tan, green, or brown. Shorts should be no shorter than the top of the knee. Shorts and Capri pants can be worn throughout the school year. (Please note: the elementary students will go outside before school begins and also have a 30-minute outdoor recess after lunch). Jogging shorts, cut-off

pants, gym shorts, sweat pant shorts and the like are too casual for school wear and should not be worn. If there is a question, bring the shorts to school the day before for approval.

- Students will be allowed to wear blue jeans with no tears or frayed edges (no colored jeans)
- **(K-3)** Slacks and shorts may have elastic waistbands. (Belts are not required)

Skirt, jumpers, or dresses

- Skirts, jumpers (chino-similar fabric as slacks/shorts for skirts and jumpers), and dresses must be loose fitting. In order to address the low neck line issue, dresses should have a collar and buttons up the front.
- All skirts/jumpers/dresses must be no shorter than the top of the knee. For skirts/jumpers/dresses with side or back slits, the slit must not extend beyond the top of the knee. Students in grades K-6 should wear shorts under their skirts/jumpers/dresses.

Sweaters and sweatshirts

- V-neck with a shirt or collar-less shirt or shell underneath, crew neck, turtleneck, mock turtleneck or cardigan styles are acceptable.
- Long sleeved, short sleeved or vest sweaters (with shirts under them) are acceptable.
- Sweatshirts and polar fleece shirts (crew neck or hooded) are acceptable. Zippered sweatshirts or polar fleece shirts should have another shirt under them.

Shoes and Socks

- Conventional shoes (loafers, dress shoes, deck shoes, athletic shoes, or sandals) may be worn.
- Heels are to be 2 inch (approximately) or lower in height. High heel shoes (dressy spike heel shoes are too formal for school wear and should not be worn)
- Young men should wear socks with shoes other than sandals.
- House slipper types of shoes should not be worn.
- Socks or other hosiery are mandatory with shoes other than sandals.
- Shoes and sandals are to have backs at the heel for safety reasons--no flip flops
- Heelys are not allowed in the elementary

Miscellaneous

- Head coverings (caps, hats, sweatbands, bandannas, etc.) are not to be worn in the building. (This rule applies unless a student's religious denomination requires a head covering)
- Other attempts to draw attention to oneself with extreme hairstyles (which includes cuts and unnatural colors), other body decorations such as tattoos, body piercings, and excessive jewelry are unacceptable. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, and other jewelry are to be simple and modest. Young men should not wear jewelry in or on their ears and young women may have two or fewer rings or piercings in or on each earlobe.
- Young men should be clean-shaven, not wearing beards or mustaches and sideburns should be no longer than the bottom of the ear. Hair should be neatly trimmed; cut off the ears and collar and above the eyes.
- Chains dangling from the belt area and visible are not permitted.