

Personal Appearance Code for Middle and High School Students

Grades 6 through 12

School is a place of work for students. Clean, neat, and appropriate attire creates a quality of appearance and enhances the learning atmosphere and process. Dress reflects an attitude and DCA seeks to establish an atmosphere and attitude that reflect a Christian learning environment.

Parents are expected to play an active role in the enforcement of the personal appearance & uniform code. Questions about the appropriateness of particular clothing or personal appearance may be answered by school administration. Teachers and administrators reserve the right to determine what is appropriate attire or appearance for the educational setting.

General Requirements

- All DCA uniform pieces are to be purchased from **EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS NASHVILLE**. Parker Uniforms are no longer permissible (except for those that may still have the white polo's, white oxfords, and khaki pants and shorts (shorts for boys only). Also, new Khaki pants may be purchased from any vendor. The type of khaki pants worn must follow the pant dress code requirements. The school administration may designate non-uniform days.
- Clothes should be worn properly and may not be dirty or ripped. Any t-shirt worn under the uniform shirt must be with no visible graphics. White t-shirts only under white uniform shirts.
- Shirrtails must be tucked in at all times.
- All kilts MUST BE NO SHORTER THAN 3" ABOVE THE FRONT OF THE KNEE. Parents can measure the length of their child's skirt by having the child kneel and then measure the 3" from the bottom of the kilt to the floor. The kilts must have hems. The kilts must be worn with modesty shorts underneath and must not be longer than the kilt. Absolutely no sweatpants or any slacks will be worn under the kilts.
- Solid black leggings or tights for girls are permitted and encouraged during the winter months.
- All pants and knee length shorts worn by boys (only) must be the khaki/tan uniform pants (specifically defined in the Uniform Dress Code).
- Non-DCA outerwear may be worn outside, but must be removed and placed in the student's classroom or locker when inside the building. DCA athletic outerwear jackets and Spirit Store outerwear are acceptable to wear indoors along with any solid black, white, grey, or royal blue jacket or sweater. Students must wear the correct uniform underneath.
- Clothes must be size appropriate.
- Students must not wear hats, bandannas, scarves, or other headgear inside the building.
- Shoes must be clean and in good repair. **No flip flops**. Tennis shoes are required for all physical education classes.
- A black or brown belt must be worn with pants or shorts.

Haircuts and Accessories

No haircuts or accessories should be worn that the administration deems as calling attention to a particular student's appearance.

- Conservative haircuts for boys are expected. Haircuts that are unusually or unnaturally shaved, spiked, or colored, are not allowed. Hair **MUST** be shorter than the top of the collar and out of the eyes, and not have a long and un-kept appearance. Tails and/or ponytails, buns, unnatural coloring, and pointed mohawks will not be allowed.
- Traditional haircuts for girls are expected. Hair should be well kept and groomed and worn out of the eyes. Unnatural coloring or hairstyles that call attention to a girl's appearance are not allowed.
- Boys will not be allowed to have facial hair. Sideburns can be no longer than the bottom of the earlobe.
- Boys may not wear earrings or other body piercings at school or any school-related activity. No tattoos can be visible at school or ANY school-related activity.
- Girls may wear earrings in ears only. No other face or body piercings can be worn at school or any school-related activity. No tattoos can be visible at school or any school-related activity.

Boys and Girls must wear only solid white undergarments (no other colors and no visible graphics) under any white shirt.

Uniform Dress Code Grades 6 through 12

GIRLS

Bottom Attire

(purchased only at Educational Outfitters Except for Khaki pants)

DCA Plaid Kilt– No shorter than 3" above the front of the knee and must be worn with modesty shorts

Khaki/tan pants from any vendor. Khaki color will be considered tan just as the uniform pants that have been part of the uniform from Parker School Uniforms, our former uniform company. The below are the styles and colors of **khaki/tan** pants that will NOT be allowed for the girls to wear at DCA:

- No denim khaki pants (cotton/polyester blend dress pants are required)
- No skinny leg pants
- No banded or elastic ankle pants
- No cargo pants
- No green, gray, brown khaki color pants
- No shorts
- Must have belt loops and worn with belt

Top Attire (with DCA logo and purchased only at Educational Outfitters)

Polo Shirts – Short sleeve is only option (If wearing a long sleeve shirt under short-sleeve polo, it must be the same color as the polo shirt and with no visible graphics)

- White cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Royal cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Black cotton and/or Dri-Fit

Oxford Shirt --- referred to as “Chapel Shirt” and required on Mondays

- White (Long sleeve is only option)
- Blue and white stripe (**Seniors only**)

Outerwear

- Non-DCA outerwear may be worn outside, but must be removed and placed in the student’s classroom or locker when inside the building. DCA athletic outerwear jackets and Spirit Store outerwear are acceptable to wear indoors along with any solid black, white, grey, or royal blue jacket or sweater. Students must wear the correct uniform underneath.

Optional

- Sweater Vest - Black
- Cardigan - Black

BOYS

Bottom Attire

Khaki/tan pants and **khaki/tan** knee length shorts from any vendor. **Khaki color will be considered tan just as the uniform pants the boys have been wearing from Parker School Uniforms, the former uniform company.** The below are the styles and colors of **khaki/tan** pants and shorts that will NOT be allowed for the boys to wear at DCA:

1. No denim khaki pants or shorts
2. No skinny leg pants or shorts
3. No banded or elastic ankle pants
4. No cargo pants or shorts
5. No green, gray, brown khaki color pants or shorts
6. Must have belt loops and worn with belt

Top Attire (with DCA logo and purchased only at Educational Outfitters)

Polo Shirts – Short sleeve is only option (If wearing a long sleeve shirt under a short-sleeve polo, it must be the same color as the polo shirt and with no visible graphics)

- White cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Royal cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Black cotton and/or Dri-Fit

Oxford Shirt --- referred to as “Chapel Shirt” and required on Mondays

- White (Only option is long sleeve)

- Blue and white stripe (**Seniors only**)

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Optional

- Sweater Vest - Black

Chapel Uniform Dress for Grades 6 through 12

Girls

White long-sleeve oxford top (blue and white stripe for **seniors only**) with plaid kilt

Boys

White long-sleeve oxford shirt (blue and white stripe for **seniors only**) with khaki/tan pants (no shorts)