



DESERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS CODE POLICY

At Desert Christian Schools we promote a learning environment free of distractions. We believe that how we present ourselves is a reflection of the respect we hold for ourselves, for others, and for the God we serve. Our desire is to cultivate a school environment that encourages excellence and unity. In this spirit, we have established the following dress code to help students focus on learning, character, and community—free from distraction and comparison.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS | MONDAY-THURSDAY REGULAR DRESS DAYS

Students are expected to wear clothing that is:

- **Neat:** Free of holes, rips, or excessive wear.
- **Modest:** Respectful of self and others, not drawing undue attention.
- **Appropriate:** In alignment with the mission and values of Desert Christian Schools.

Tops:

- Necklines should fall closely below the collarbone.
- Shirt sleeves must be at least 3–4 inches wide and cover the shoulder blades.
- Shirts must extend at least one inch past the waistband and remain that way throughout regular movement, without needing adjustment.
- Any logos, designs, or messages on shirts must align with the values and mission of our school.

Bottoms:

- Hemlines for shorts, skirts, and dresses must fall past the fingertips or mid-thigh (whichever is longer, the goal is modesty).
- Pants and jeans must be free of holes or rips, even if patched.
- The following items are not permitted on regular dress days: activewear, leggings, sweatpants, joggers, pajama bottoms or yoga pants.

Accessories and Grooming:

- Hats and hoods may not be worn inside classrooms, during chapel, or at special assemblies.
- Headphones, earbuds, and AirPods are not permitted on campus during the hours of 7:30a -3:30p.
- Animal accessories may not be worn (example: such as tails or ears).
- Hair should be clean, well-kept, and able to be pulled back if needed for a class or activity.

DRESS DOWN DAYS | FRIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

On Fridays, students are invited to dress more casually while still honoring our community standards of modesty and respect.

Permitted Items:

Athletic wear, sweatpants, and joggers. (leggings and yoga pants are NOT permitted)

Still Required:

- Necklines must fall closely below the collarbone.
- Hemlines must fall past the fingertips or mid-thigh (whichever is longer, the goal is modesty) with even measurement across the full garment.
- Shirts must extend one inch past the waistband and stay in place during normal movement.
- Clothing must be free of holes, rips, and tears.



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We trust our students to make wise choices and appreciate the cooperation of families in helping us maintain a Christ-centered learning environment.

Violation of the Dress Code Policy

- First two weeks of school
 - The student will have a discussion with staff as to what deems a dress code violation. The intent of this grace period is to help students understand the dress code policy.
- After the first two weeks of school, students will be given the three following options before returning to class:
 - Go home to change.
 - Call parents to bring a change of clothes.
 - Students may choose from the dress code closet to wear for the remainder of the day. That item must be washed and returned the next day. If the item is not returned, the family will be billed to replace the borrowed item.
- Continued violation of the dress code policy may result in a behavior plan or the suspension of the student.

A FINAL WORD

We want our students to feel confident, respected, and focused as they grow in faith, character, and leadership. Our dress code is not about perfection, it's about learning to honor God and one another with how we carry ourselves.

We believe in our students and are grateful for a community that seeks to reflect Christ in every aspect of life, including our dress.

2025-26 Theme Verse:

**“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy,
brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.”
1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)**