



# DCMC Dress Code

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

The purpose of the dress code at Delmarva Christian Schools is to support the school’s mission of proclaiming the Gospel by preparing students academically, spiritually, and physically to know and do God’s will for their lives. Important components of the dress code are **the virtues of neatness, modesty, and appropriateness**. These virtues will avoid an overly casual climate, and promote an atmosphere of learning and Christian testimony. Parents should be the first to ensure their students are in compliance. Any uncertainty concerning dress should be clarified in advance. The school leadership will make the final determination of appropriate dress if required - and will issue clarifying statements as trends arise.

**In keeping with these policies and guidelines, the following outlines the expectations for student dress:**

## For All Students...

**Pants:** Solid navy blue or tan pants in dress-casual material and style. No jeans or “yoga” / body-hugging, tight-fitting pants. Belts must be worn at all times for 2nd-8th grades, belt is optional for K and 1st.

**Shorts:** Solid navy blue or tan, Bermuda style in length, khaki material only. No cargo shorts. Shorts may be worn until Oct 31 and after March 31.

**Shirts:** Solid purple, navy, gray or white; Polo style or button-down (“dress shirt”) only in short or long sleeved; no sleeveless or tank tops. All shirts must be tucked in (2-8 grade only). Plain white undershirts may be worn under polos and button-down shirts.

**Sweaters:** Solid purple, navy, gray. Note that a dress-code shirt must be worn under sweaters sweatshirts.

**Sweatshirts:** This is the only item that must be purchased through DCS. Check the school’s website or campus display for available styles and sizes. Sweatshirts may be worn throughout the year.

**Jackets / Coats / Non-DCS outerwear:** These are not allowed at any time during the school day (except recess / outdoor activities) and must be put in lockers or hung up in classroom as directed.

**Shoes:** Must be closed toed and closed heel (no sandals). Shoes must be tied or fastened. No heels.

**Hair:** Neat, clean, trimmed appropriately. No unnatural dyed, bleached, cut, or shaved styles. No “wraps”.

**Jewelry:** No body/facial piercing.

## Additional Guidelines for Young Ladies...

**Skorts/Skirts:** Skirts may be worn with leggings, tights or shorts underneath. Length must be no more than 3” above the **center of the knee-cap**. No slit or openings.

**Leggings:** Solid color, plain; no design, pattern or lace.

**Heels:** For special events **only** (per school), 2” or less.

**Hair:** No “adornments” or wraps.

**Jewelry:** Simple earrings are permitted.

**P.E. Class:** 5-8 grades will wear P.E. uniforms available on the school website. All others wear school clothes.

## “Dress-Down-Days”

The (optional) purchase of Dress-Down-Day cards provides funding for the PTF and it is our desire to continue this tradition at DCMC.

**We ask that parents provide guidance to their children when deciding what is appropriate, modest and within the HEART of the guidelines and policies when deciding what to wear.**

When in doubt... send additional dress code clothing with your child so that he/she can change if needed.