



DCHS 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 High School 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 in 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 are requested to be the first to ensure their students are in compliance. Any uncertainty concerning dress should be clarified in advance. **If required, the Administration will make the final determination of appropriate dress and will issue clarifying statements as trends arise.**

In keeping with a policy of modesty and professionalism, the following guidelines outline the expectations for student dress.

Gentlemen

PANTS: Solid navy, black, gray, or tan pants (pleated or flat front). No jeans or jean-constructed pants. No patch pockets. Belts must be worn at all times.

SHORTS: Professional shorts (like Dockers, khaki-style, etc.) may be worn from March 1 to October 31. Shorts must be an appropriate length, within the color guidelines for pants, and worn with a belt. No patch pockets, cargo, ripped, or frayed shorts allowed.

BUTTON-UP SHIRTS/COLLARED POLOS/TURTLENECKS/SWEATERS: All **solid** color tops are permitted. Stripes or patterns of any sort are not permitted. All button-up shirts, collared polos, and turtlenecks **must be tucked in**. Shirts, in particular, button-ups, are not to be unbuttoned and worn as a top layer such as like that of a cardigan. Collared shirts must be worn under sweaters or DCHS logo sweatshirts. Quarter-zip tops are permitted.

White or gray undershirts may be worn underneath polos and button-up shirts provided the logo does not show through. T-shirts are not permitted to be worn as a top layer.

DCHS LOGO SWEATSHIRTS: DCHS logo must be professionally embroidered or screen-printed. A button-up shirt, collared polo, or turtleneck must be worn underneath the school-approved/school-authorized DCHS logo sweatshirt.

OUTERWEAR/JACKETS/COATS/NON-DCHS SWEATSHIRTS OR JERSEYS: These are not allowed to be worn indoors at any time during the school day and must be put in lockers. DCHS considers outerwear to include but is not limited to garments, both light-weight and bulky, intended to worn outdoors such as jackets, coats, and any full-zip tops (including those with a DCHS logo). Sweatshirts and jerseys are considered “non- Delmarva Christian” if they were not issued through Delmarva Christian bearing official DCS branding.

ROYAL DRESS DAYS: Solid tops/sweaters are to be purple, gray, black, or white. No DCHS logo sweatshirts are permitted during Royal Dress Days. The purpose of Royal Dress Days is to allow for quality photos to be taken throughout the school day for media purposes.

SHOES: Must be closed toe and closed heel. All buckles or laces must be fastened or laced.

HAIR: Must be neat, clean and professional. Hair length must not cover the eyes or go beyond the collar and may not be made into a ponytail or bun. Unkempt hairstyles that are shaggy or use hair-bands are not permitted. Symbolic shavings into the hairstyle are not permitted. Hair color is to remain natural.

JEWELRY: No earrings, facial/body piercing or potentially harmful jewelry. Modest rings and watches are permitted.

Dress Code Discipline

Discipline comes from the same root word as disciple.

Disciple means to teach or to train, which is the proper view of discipline.

Discipline is not about punishing or humiliating people. It is simply identifying the gaps between set standards and actual performance and developing a plan to close those gaps.

In all situations where immodesty exists, the student will change before being allowed to continue in classes.

Depending upon the severity and/or recurring nature of the infraction, dress code violations will be administered as follows:

- (1) call home for a change of clothes and lunch detention,
- (2) parent conference and after-school detention,
- (3) suspension.



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Ladies

PANTS: Solid navy, black, gray, or tan pants (pleated or flat front). No jeans (or jean-constructed pants) and no jeggings. No patch pockets. Pants with belt loops must be accompanied with a belt.

SKIRTS/DRESSES: Solids or prints are permitted. **Length and/or slit(s) no higher than two (2) inches above the knee cap.** Tank tops or plain (no lace) camisoles may be worn to serve as a makeshift modesty panel. No bandeaus. **No strapless, backless or spaghetti strap dresses.** Sleeveless dresses or dresses with a minimum of 2-inch-wide straps may be worn but must be accompanied **with a sweater.** No cleavage or midriff is to be exposed.

BLOUSES/COLLARED POLOS/SWEATERS: All solid color tops are permitted. Stripes or patterns of any sort are not permitted. All shirts and blouses must have a collar and traditional button-up shirts/polos/tops that have been constructed to worn tucked in, must be tucked in. Shirts, in particular button-ups, are not to be unbuttoned and worn as a top layer such as like that of a cardigan. **Sweaters must have a collared shirt underneath.** No see-through tops. No cleavage or midriff is to be exposed.

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OUTERWEAR/JACKETS/COATS/NON-DCHS SWEATSHIRTS OR JERSEYS: These are not allowed to be worn indoors at any time during the school day and must be put in lockers. DCHS considers outerwear to include but is not limited to garments, both lightweight and bulky, intended to worn outdoors such as jackets, coats, and any full-zip tops (including those with a DCHS logo). Sweatshirts and jerseys are considered “non-Delmarva Christian” if they were not issued through Delmarva Christian bearing official DCS branding.

ROYAL DRESS DAYS: Solid tops/sweaters are to be purple, gray, black, or white; however, skirts/dresses may have prints as normally allowed. No cleavage or midriff is to be exposed. No DCHS logo sweatshirts are permitted during Royal Dress Days. The purpose for Royal Dress Days is to allow for quality photos to be taken throughout the school day for media purposes.

SHOES: Must be closed toe and closed heel. Three (3) inch maximum heel.

HOSIERY: Plain, solid hose or tights. No patterned hose or tights.

HAIR: No *unnatural* dyed (purple, blue, pink, etc.), bleached, cut, or shaved hair/hairstyles. No punk or spiked hair/hairstyles.

JEWELRY: No facial/body piercing or potentially harmful jewelry. Earrings are permitted.

Additional Guidelines For Young Men and Ladies

- All clothing must be in good repair and fitted properly.
- Physical education clothes to be determined by P.E. teacher(s).
- All P.E. uniforms are to be worn in P.E. classes only.
- Students are not permitted to wear head coverings of any kind on any part of the campus unless part of an academic/technical course curriculum.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in any manner while indoors at DCHS.
- Tattoos are not permitted.
- Clothing, books, and other school paraphernalia are not to be adorned with logos, pictures, patches, buttons or drawings that refer to drugs, alcohol, violence, death, sex, or rock groups.
- Students must dress according to the health, safety, and professional criteria of their academic/technical areas as determined by the teacher(s).