



Our dress code helps us to focus on Christ by helping to eliminate our preoccupation with outward appearances. Our example is found in 1 Samuel 16:7b:

“The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Our ultimate goal is to focus on the heart of our students. To assist them in maintaining this Biblical emphasis and to serve the establishment of an orderly learning environment, a dress code has been established. It has three guiding principles: safety, modesty, and appropriateness for the event. All dress code rules have been run through this filter. With this in mind, our dress code encourages students to show their originality and express who they are within the dress code's guidelines. The dress code applies to students when school is in session on the school campus from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM and at school-sponsored functions. Please know that the heart behind the entire dress policy is to have students neatly and normally dressed in order to take the focus off clothing and on to more important things, such as the Lord and what He has planned for them each day at Oasis.

### **DRESS CODE SPECIFICS (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Shirts:** Students may wear any Oasis Wear shirts during the week. These shirts are picked and produced by the Academy and can be ordered through the Academy website. Oasis Wear shirts do not need to be tucked in. If students choose to follow the standard dress code, then polo shirts must follow the standard dress code (any color; stripes are allowed, no graphics larger than a standard shirt pocket) and dress shirts (long and short sleeve; no graphics larger than a standard shirt pocket); both must be tucked in.

**Belt:** If students choose to follow the standard dress code, then they must have a belt if there are belt loops on pants (traditional belt style only).

**Pants:** Students may wear jeans during the week. Jeans must be in good repair. No jeggings, no frayed jeans, no destroyed jeans, and no holes in jeans will be allowed. Joggers are permissible as long as they are denim or khaki style/color. Sweat-pant style joggers are not permitted. No sweat-pants with full elastic waistbands are allowed. All pants must have or appear to have a fastener at the waist and a zipper. If students choose to follow the standard dress code, then they must have uniform style pants (khaki, blue or black in color). No jeggings style is allowed, and no cargo style is allowed.

**Capris:** Girls may wear uniform style capris (below the knee only). No jeggings style is allowed. No holes in capris will be permitted.

**No dresses or skirts:** Unless special occasions announced by the office.

**Footwear:** Students who have PE as a class must wear sneakers/ tennis shoes. All other students may wear closed toe and closed back with a rubber sole (sneakers, etc.), sandals of any kind with a strap behind the ankle, and boots.

**Hats:** Students may wear Oasis Wear hats offered on our website during the week. Hats with bills must be worn forward or backward only. No hat is to be worn sideways. Hats are not part of the standard Oasis dress code, and should not be worn if following the standard dress code.

**Outerwear:** Students may wear zip-up jackets with hoods or zip-up windbreakers or cardigan type sweaters, or Oasis produced outer garments without the zip-ups.

**Hair Boys:** Hair not to exceed past top of ears or top of the collar. Not below eyebrows, No pony-tails or dreads, no beads or bands. No unnatural coloring. For hair that possesses a lot of volume, we ask that the hair not extend more than two inches from the scalp. No asymmetrical haircuts or shavings allowed.

**Facial Hair:** Only boys in the senior class may wear facial hair. It must be neat and trimmed at all times.

**Hair Girls:** Natural hair color only and must be out of eyes.

**Jewelry:** No body piercing either gender, earrings are allowed on girls only (no bars /no gauges). Administration reserves the right to restrict the number of earrings at any time.

**Wednesday Fundraiser Day:** For the purposes of raising money for specifically defined school related projects, students may wear a shirt of their choice as long as the shirt meets Academy approval (see dress code philosophy above for guidance).

**Friday Jean Day:** Students may wear denim jeans (not colored) with an Oasis T-shirt, their Oasis team jersey, or an affiliated youth group t-shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. No jeggings, no frayed jeans, no destroyed jeans, and no holes in jeans will be allowed. Oasis produced hoodies may be worn if participating in Jean Day.

**Misc.:** No tattoos (any existing tattoos must be completely covered by clothing at all times).

**Dual Enrolled Students:** Dual enrolled students must return to campus in dress code or in Oasis Wear. The only exception would be if they are returning to a PE class. In that case, they may return in Oasis PE attire.

#### **ATHLETES**

Team Polo or team jersey may be worn on home/away game days.

(Coaches discretion). Must wear a shirt at all times on campus. (no exceptions).

Swimmers may not return to campus in their swimsuit only. A wrapped towel does not meet this requirement. Swimmers must at least be wearing shorts and a t-shirt on campus after swim practice. May wear their team jerseys with appropriate under/outerwear (Coach's discretion) on game day.

If game day falls on a Friday, then Jeans may be worn with team jersey/ polo.

If a game day falls on Monday through Thursday, then Dockers style Pants/Capris must be worn with team jersey/ polo.

#### **DRESSING OUT FOR P.E.**

School approved physical education uniforms are only to be worn during P.E. These uniforms may be purchased through online portals contracted by OCA. All students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade must change back into their school dress to transit from class to class (unless P.E. is their last class of the day).

#### **PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

The student will wait in the office until a proper outfit is brought. This will affect his/her academics, so please work with us by reviewing your student's dress before he/she arrives at school.

#### **DRESS CODE CONCLUSION**

To accomplish the efficient operation of the school, Oasis administrators (Administrator/Principal, Assistant Principals, Student Pastor, Athletic Director) reserve the authority to make ultimate determinations regarding all dress code and personal attire /presentation issues. In such cases, students are to demonstrate rapid compliance to such determinations.

*Dress code policy may be altered at the discretion of Oasis administration as determined by need and will be reviewed by administration regularly.*