

## **ELEM Dress Code**

Students are expected to comply with the dress code and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home. **Final authority regarding dress code interpretation rests with the administration and is not subject to appeal.**

Our ultimate goal is to focus on the heart of our students. To maintain a biblical emphasis and create an orderly learning environment, a student dress code has been established. It has three guiding principles: safety, modesty, and appropriateness for the event. Within these guiding principles, our dress code encourages students to show their originality and express who they are.

Parents will be notified of dress code infractions and asked to bring dress code compliant attire for their student(s). After five uniform infractions the student will earn a detention. Please partner with us by reviewing your student's dress before he/she leaves home.

**Clothing with logos or slogans that push the envelope or are questionable are NOT permitted.**

Unfortunately, many brand names come up with slogans that push the envelope of appropriateness (such as a hunting clothing line with the slogan "Bucked Up" on it as an example). These items are not permitted to be worn at school. If you are unsure of the appropriateness, please discuss this with the assistant principal prior to wearing.

**Please see chart on page 2.**

ELEMENTARY	Approved	NOT Approved
Hair (Females)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair must be natural coloring and kept out of the eyes</li> </ul>	
Hair (Males)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural color</li> <li>Dreads are permitted if they are a custom of the student's culture and are not longer than eyebrows or collar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Below the top of the ear, the collar, or the eyebrows</li> <li>Ponytails, beads, or bands</li> <li>Unnatural hair coloring is not permitted</li> <li>No asymmetrical haircuts or shavings are permitted</li> </ul>
Jewelry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earrings - females only (administration can limit the number of earrings allowed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No bars/gauges</li> <li>No body piercings</li> </ul>
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polo (any color and stripes)</li> <li>Dress shirts (long and short sleeve)</li> <li><b>Must be tucked in</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polo - no graphics larger than a standard shirt pocket</li> <li>Dress shirts - no graphics larger than a standard shirt pocket</li> </ul>
Belts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional for K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students</li> <li>Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade must have belt if there are belt loops on pants (traditional belt style only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No non- traditional belt styles</li> </ul>
Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform style pants only. (khaki, grey, blue or black in color)</li> <li>Uniform style pants with full elastic waistbands are permitted for K5-4<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No form fitting skinny jeans</li> <li>No jegging style pants</li> <li>No jogger style pants</li> <li>No cargo pants</li> <li>No pants with elastic at the waste and ankles (sweatpants)</li> <li>No denim and knit fabric</li> </ul>
Shorts, skorts, and jumpers w/ skorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be worn by K5-4<sup>th</sup> grade students</li> <li>Uniform style only; khaki, blue, black, grey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skorts must not exceed 2 inches above the knee</li> <li><b>Shorts must be Bermuda-style length</b></li> </ul>
Dresses or skirts	ONLY for special occasions announced by administration	
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must wear sneakers or tennis shoes</li> <li>Exceptions for special events will be announced by administration</li> </ul>	
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zip-up jackets w/ or w/o hoods</li> <li>Zip-up windbreakers, vests, cardigan sweaters, or OCA wear</li> <li>OCA hoodies on Wednesday Jean Day and Friday Spirit Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No pull over sweaters, sweatshirts, or hoodies (except OCA hoodies on Wednesday Jean Day and Friday Spirit Day).</li> <li>Hats are not permissible in the building. They may be worn outside on cold weather days.</li> </ul>
Wednesday Jean Day (optional pre-purchase required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May wear denim jeans or Bermuda-style shorts.</li> <li>May wear their choice of T-shirt (or better) as long as the shirt meets academy approval</li> <li><b>Shirts must be tucked in</b></li> <li>OCA or plain hoodies may be worn, if participating in Jean Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No colored jeans</li> <li>No form fitting skinny jeans</li> <li>No jegging style pants</li> <li>No jogger style pants or sweatpants</li> <li>No cargo pants</li> <li>No frayed, shredded, or holes in jeans</li> </ul>
Friday Spirit Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Denim jeans or Bermuda-style shorts</li> <li>OCA T-shirt or school uniform shirts</li> <li><b>Shirts must be tucked in</b></li> <li>OCA hoodies may be worn, if participating in Spirit Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No colored jeans</li> <li>No form fitting skinny jeans</li> <li>No jegging style pants</li> <li>No jogger style pants or sweatpants</li> <li>No frayed, shredded, or holes in jeans</li> </ul>
NUT No Uniform Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday Jean Day may be worn on an earned NUT day</li> <li>Must wear sneakers or tennis shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No pajamas</li> <li>No form fitting skinny jeans</li> <li>No jegging style pants</li> <li>No jogger style pants or sweatpants</li> <li>No frayed, shredded, or holes in jeans</li> <li>No sleeveless shirts</li> </ul>