

## **Secondary 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 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 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 within the dress code guidelines.

Parents will be notified of dress code infractions and asked to bring dress code compliant attire for their student(s); if proper attire can’t be brought the student will immediately be assigned detention. If clothing can be brought, after five infractions the student will serve a detention. All dress code violations will receive 5 demerits. Please partner with us by reviewing your student’s dress before he/she leaves home.

### **OCA Student at Games**

- All OCA students should be dressed appropriately and modestly for all events. Shorts should be PE length, and tops should be school approved.

### **Athletes on Game Days**

- Team shirts, polos or team jerseys w/ appropriate under/outerwear may be worn on game days.
- Uniform style pants must be worn with team shirt/jersey/polo on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday game days.
- Jeans (straight-leg or boot-cut style) may be worn w/ team shirt/jersey/polo on Thursday and Friday game days.
- Student athletes must wear a shirt at all times when on campus; there are no exceptions.

### **Dressing out for P.E.**

- School approved physical education uniforms are permitted to be worn during PE only.
- PE uniforms may be purchased through an online portal contracted by OCA.

**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 secondary principal prior to wearing the shirt in question.

**Please see chart on page 2.**

Secondary	Approved	NOT Approved
Hats	The following may be worn <b>OUTSIDE ONLY</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball caps (OCA wear only)</li> <li>Beanies (in cold weather) (OCA wear or plain)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other type of head coverings</li> </ul>
Hair (Females)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair must be natural coloring &amp; out of the eyes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unnatural hair colors</li> </ul>
Hair (Males)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural color</li> <li>Hair must be above the collar and out the eyes</li> <li>Dreads are permitted if they are a custom of the student's culture and are not longer than the collar or in the eyes</li> <li>Facial hair is a high school privilege ONLY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other hairstyles not listed as approved are not 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>Should not be a distraction due to length, size, color, or quantity</li> <li>No bars/gauges</li> <li>No body piercings</li> </ul>
Belts (5 days of a week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have belt if there are belt loops on pants (traditional belts only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No non- traditional belt styles</li> </ul>
Uniform Shirts (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official OCA polos ONLY (any solid colors only)</li> <li><b>Polos must be tucked in.</b></li> <li><b>2024-2025 polo colors will be red, black, or grey ONLY.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No polos with stripes/ patterns / graphics</li> <li>All shirts other than official OCA polos are not permitted.</li> </ul>
Uniform Pants (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform pants (khaki or black in color) boot-cut, straight-leg, cargo style only</li> <li>Uniform style pants with partial elastic waistbands- must have a fastener and zipper at the waist.</li> <li>Joggers (uniform pant material ONLY) (khaki or black)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other types of pants are not permitted.</li> </ul>
Spirit Days (Thursday & Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T-shirts (official OCA wear only)</li> <li><b>T-shirts can be left untucked.</b></li> <li>Plain denim jeans (boot-cut or straight-leg styles only)</li> <li>Student may also wear OCA polos and uniform - style pants on Thursdays and Fridays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All shirts other than official OCA wear are not permitted.</li> <li>All other types of jeans are not permitted.</li> </ul>
Thursday T-shirt Day (optional pre-purchase required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May wear their choice of shirt as long as the shirt meets academy approval.</li> <li><b>T-shirts can be left untucked.</b></li> </ul>	
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed toe and closed back shoes</li> <li>Boots (heels equal to or less than 2 inches)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other types of shoes (including Crocs) are not permitted.</li> </ul>
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ONLY OCA wear (this includes all jackets, sweaters, pull-overs, hoodies, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All outerwear other than official OCA outerwear is not permitted</li> </ul>
Dresses or skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knee length dresses or skirts may ONLY be worn for special occasions announced by administration</li> </ul>	
Misc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing tattoos must be 100% covered at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New tattoos are not permitted</li> </ul>
Dressing out for PE type classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official OCA PE uniform</li> <li>Tennis shoes</li> </ul>	
NUT DAY (No Uniform Today)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will have the opportunity to earn no uniform days throughout the school year. The dress code for NUT days will be jeans (or jean shorts) and an appropriate t-shirt of their choice.</li> </ul>	