

Dress Code

Oasis Christian Academy maintains a dress code to promote modesty, safety, unity, and an environment that supports learning and reflects Christian values.

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is neat, modest, clean, and appropriate for a Christ-centered school environment.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that students leave home in compliance with the dress code.

The administration reserves the right to determine whether clothing or appearance is appropriate. Final decisions regarding dress code compliance rest with the administration.

Students who are not in compliance may be required to change clothes, call home, or receive disciplinary action.

Repeated violations may result in detention, suspension, or review of continued enrollment.

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 (no rips, tears, or holes). Shorts should be PE length, and tops should be school-approved.
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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 **must** be purchased through an online portal contracted by OCA.

General Dress Code Principles

All clothing must be:

- modest
- clean
- in good condition
- properly fitted
- appropriate for school activities

Clothing may not display:

- inappropriate language
- sexual content
- references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
- offensive or vulgar images
- political messages
- symbols inconsistent with Christian values

Students must remain fully dressed at all times while on campus.

Dress code applies at:

- school
- school events
- field trips
- athletic events
- extracurricular activities
- any event representing Oasis Christian Academy

Biblical Standard of Modesty

Dress standards are based on Biblical principles of modesty, self-control, and respect for others.

Students are expected to avoid clothing or appearance that draws inappropriate attention.

The purpose of the dress code is to maintain a respectful, orderly, and Christ-centered environment.

Administrative Authority

The administration reserves the right to determine whether any clothing, hairstyle, or appearance is distracting, unsafe, or inappropriate.

Students may be required to:

- change clothing
- remove items
- call parents
- receive discipline

All decisions are final.

Approved Dress Code Apparel

Standards for Boys

Shirts

Acceptable shirts include:

- collared shirts
- polos
- Oasis Christian Academy t-shirts
- college shirts
- professional team shirts
- appropriate branded shirts

Shirts must not display:

bands

Entertainers

Movies/tv shows

inappropriate slogans

offensive wording

Shirts must be worn properly and must not be excessively tight or oversized.

Only the top button may be unbuttoned.

Undershirts must not be visible.

Pants

Boys must wear:

- khaki-style pants
- blue jeans in good condition

Pants must be worn at the waist.

Jeans may not have holes that expose skin.

Elementary Boys may wear knee-length khaki style shorts.

Shorts must be modest and appropriate.

Shoes

Closed-toe shoes must be worn.

Elementary students must wear athletic shoes.

Secondary students may wear Crocs with the strap secured.

Flip-flops and sandals are not allowed.

Unsafe footwear is not permitted.

Jacket & Coats

Students may wear:

- Oasis hoodies
- college hoodies
- professional team hoodies
- appropriate branded hoodies

Hoodies and Sweatshirts must not display:

bands

Entertainers

Movies/tv shows

inappropriate slogans

offensive wording

Clothing worn under hoodies must meet the dress code.

General Appearance

Hair must be neat and well-groomed.
Hair may not cover the eyes.
Extreme styles are not allowed.
Hair color must appear natural.
Facial hair (Secondary only) must be neat.
Boys may not wear earrings or have any other piercings.
Makeup and painting nails are not permitted for boys.
Visible tattoos are not allowed.

Standards for Girls

Shirts

Shirts must be modest and properly fitted.

The following are not allowed:

- midriff tops
- spaghetti straps
- transparent clothing
- low-cut tops
- tight or revealing clothing

Acceptable shirts include:

- Oasis shirts
- polos
- college shirts
- professional team shirts
- appropriate branded shirts

Shirts must always cover the waist.

Shirts must not display:

- bands
- Entertainers
- Movies/tv shows
- inappropriate slogans
- offensive wording

Pants

Girls may wear:

- khaki-style pants
- jeans
- Capris
- Pants must fit modestly.

The following are not allowed:

- leggings
- jeggings
- tight pants
- holes exposing skin

Elementary Girls may wear knee-length khaki style shorts.

- Shorts must be modest.

Skirts and dresses are not permitted unless approved for special events.

Shoes

Closed-toe shoes required for elementary.
Secondary students may wear Crocs with strap secured.
Flip-flops are not allowed.
High heels are not allowed.
Unsafe footwear is not allowed.

Jacket & Coats

Students may wear:

- Oasis hoodies
- college hoodies
- professional team hoodies
- appropriate branded hoodies

Clothing worn under hoodies must meet the dress code.

Hoodies and Sweatshirts must not display:
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General Appearance

Hair must be neat.

Hair color must be natural.

Makeup may be worn in moderation beginning in 6th grade.

Extreme makeup is not allowed.

Nail polish may be worn.

Excessive or distracting styles are not allowed.

Earrings are permitted.

Facial piercings are **not** allowed.

Visible tattoos are not allowed.

Students may not apply makeup during class.

Athletic Dress

Athletes may wear team apparel on game days with approval.

Uniform standards must be followed.

Students must remain modestly dressed at all times.

Physical Education Dress

Students must wear OCA PE clothing.

PE clothes may only be worn during PE unless approved.

Failure to dress for PE may affect the grade.

Special Events / Spirit Days

Students may participate in approved dress days.
All clothing must remain modest and appropriate.
Administration has final approval.
Students out of dress code may be required to change.

Dress Code Violations

Students out of dress code may:

- receive a warning
- receive demerits
- be sent to the office
- call parents
- Change Clothes
- receive detention

Repeated violations may result in suspension or review of enrollment.

Note: Final authority for interpreting the dress code rests with the principal or Head of School.

During 4th quarter, seniors may wear t-shirts of colleges/universities where they have been accepted. Students must provide a copy of the acceptance letter to the administration.

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.