

Union Grove Christian Elementary (K5-6th Grade) Dress Code: 2026–2027 Quick Reference Guide

Purpose

The purpose of our school dress code is to ensure students dress in a manner consistent with biblical principles of modesty, a priority on neatness, safety, and comfort, and also to facilitate a positive community atmosphere. The elementary school dress code is shaped by biblical principles, the school's mission and values, and our perspective of what is appropriate for our unique school setting. The faculty and administration take responsibility for managing the dress code to ensure that reasonable fashions can be accommodated while minimizing an overemphasis on the outward appearance. **As our policy reflects the philosophy of the school, we ask our parents to also dress appropriately and with respect to the spirit of the dress code when on campus or attending a school function. We respectfully ask parents to assist the school by purchasing only approved apparel for their students and insisting that their student comes to school dressed according to school policy.**

Important Notes

- Students are expected to wear clothing that is distinctive to their biological sex at birth.
 - Students who are out of dress code may be asked to change, and parents may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing.
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SHORTS

- ✓ Uniform style shorts of a solid color are permitted
- ✓ Proper fitting
- ✗ No athletic style or jean shorts
- ✗ No holes/tears
- ✗ No more than **2" above the knee**

PANTS

Boys

- ✓ Solid-color denim; uniform-style pants; or non-baggy cargo pant. No writing
- ✓ Proper fitting
- ✗ No holes or tears
- ✗ No athletic pants or sweatpants

Girls

- ✓ Solid-color denim or uniform-style cotton twill pants
 - ✓ Drawstring linen pants
 - ✓ Palazzo-style pants
 - ✓ Capri pants
 - ✓ Loose fitting with no holes or tears
 - ✗ No athletic pants or sweatpants
 - ✗ Leggings may *only* be worn under dresses
 - ✗ No flare leggings, jeggings, or loose-fitting leggings
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SKIRTS, SKORTS, OR DRESSES (Girls)

- ✓ Must be modest and not excessively fitted
 - ✓ Hemline must be no shorter than **2" above the top of the knee**
 - ✓ Sleeveless dresses are permitted if they fully cover from the neck to the shoulder
 - ✓ Dark shorts must be worn underneath skirts or dresses
 - ✗ No sheer fabric used to extend the length of skirts or dresses
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SHIRTS

Boys

- ✓ Collared shirts
- ✓ Henley shirts
- ✓ Nice solid-colored T-shirts
- ✓ UGCS Spirit Wear
- ✓ Church or evangelistic shirts
- ✓ School business partners
- ✓ Appropriate recognizable *clothing* brands (Nike, Adidas, Vineyard Vines, etc.) *Not* brands (Disney, businesses, etc.)
- ✗ No clothing promoting individuals, movies, music groups, or political parties (including Christian personalities)

SHIRTS (Cont.)

Girls

- ✓ Sleeveless shirts are permitted if they provide full shoulder coverage from neck to the shoulder
- ✓ UGCS Spirit Wear
- ✓ Church or evangelistic shirts
- ✓ School business partners
- ✓ Appropriate recognizable *clothing* brands (Nike, Adidas, Vineyard Vines, etc.) *Not* brands (Disney, businesses, etc.)

- ✗ No tank tops
- ✗ No crop tops. Stomach must be covered at *all* times.
- ✗ No low-cut shirts
- ✗ No keyhole backs
- ✗ All undergarments must remain covered
- ✗ No shirts excessively fitted
- ✗ No clothing promoting individuals, movies, music groups, or political parties (including Christian personalities)

OUTERWEAR

- ✓ Solid-colored hoodies and sweatshirts
- ✓ Zip pullovers
- ✓ Outerwear with approved (see shirt guidelines) graphics or wording
- ✗ Hoods may not be worn during the school day

SHOES

- ✓ Tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes are preferred as students play outside on the playground each day
- ✗ No beach-style flip-flops
- ✗ No high heeled shoes
- ✗ No bedroom slippers

HAIR AND APPEARANCE

Boys

- ✓ Neatly cut and tapered around the ears and back.
- ✓ Hair may not hang below the eyebrows

Girls

- ✓ Neatly groomed
- ✓ Natural hair color

All Students

- ✗ No fad hairstyles
- ✗ No mullets
- ✗ No bleached or unnatural hair colors
- ✗ No hats may be worn in the school building

JEWELRY

Girls

- ✓ Up to two sets of earrings
- ✗ No other body piercings
- ✗ No tattoos

Boys

- ✓ One appropriate chain may be worn around the neck
- ✗ No earrings
- ✗ No body piercings
- ✗ No tattoos

Medical identification jewelry is permitted.

ATHLETIC EVENT DRESS

Students attending athletic events should continue to represent UGCS well.

- ✓ School-standard jeans
 - ✓ Spirit Wear
 - ✓ Proper-fitting shorts for spectators only (minimum fingertip length)
 - ✓ Girls may wear leggings only when covered by a long shirt
 - ✗ No holes or rips in clothing
 - ✗ Shorts may not be rolled to make them shorter
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