

Union Grove Christian High School 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 high 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.
- **Students in grades 9–12 may not wear shorts during the school day.** PE shorts may be purchased from Athletics.

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

SKIRTS OR DRESSES (Girls)

- ✓ Must be modest and not excessively fitted
- ✓ Hemline must reach the **top of the knee**
- ✓ Slits may not exceed **2 inches**
- ✓ Sleeveless dresses are permitted if they fully cover from the neck to the shoulder
- ✗ No sheer fabric used to extend the length of skirts or dresses

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)

Girls

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| ✓ Sleeveless shirts are permitted if they provide full shoulder coverage from neck to the shoulder | ✗ No tank tops |
| ✓ UGCS Spirit Wear | ✗ No crop tops. Stomach must be covered at <i>all</i> times. |
| ✓ Church or evangelistic shirts | ✗ No low-cut shirts |
| ✓ School business partners | ✗ No keyhole backs |
| ✓ Appropriate recognizable <i>clothing</i> brands (Nike, Adidas, Vineyard Vines, etc.) <i>Not</i> brands (Disney, businesses, etc.) | ✗ All undergarments must remain covered |
| | ✗ No shirts excessively fitted |
| | ✗ No clothing promoting individuals, movies, music groups, or political parties (including Christian personalities) |
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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
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SHOES

- ✓ Closed-toe or open-toe shoes that are appropriate for school
 - ✗ No beach-style flip-flops
 - ✗ No bedroom slippers
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HAIR AND APPEARANCE

Boys

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

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
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JEWELRY

Girls

- ✓ Up to three 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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FORMAL DRESS (Mrs. Hartman has very detailed information)

All formal dresses must be approved by a designated female faculty member **after final alterations**.

Dresses Must:

- Have straps (no strapless dresses)
- Be modest in the front- Straight across
- Show no cleavage while standing, sitting, or bending.
- Have a back no lower than a standard bra strap
- Be no shorter than the top of the knee (including slits)
- Not expose the midriff- Solid material is used and not just netting or flesh colored material for alterations.
- Not be excessively form-fitting through the hips

Parents are encouraged to have dresses checked **before alterations** to avoid costly modifications.