

CMCA DRESS CODE

Calvary Murrieta Christian Academy has been established as a discipleship-based learning environment. We partner with you, our parents, to care for the adornment and decorum of each student as we teach and enforce godly dress. It is important that our school standards for clothing and general appearance are understood and supported by all of our parents so we can provide clear and united teaching for our youth. The fashion world is developing new styles all the time, and the styles are not always right or wrong; however, in a day of constantly deteriorating cultural styles, we feel we must set a minimum standard which will bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ. **If there is any question in your mind regarding what your students want to wear, the best thing to do is either not let them wear it or have them get permission ahead of time.** It is our prayer that you will have godly discernment as you and your child select clothes in line with the school's guidelines. We do expect a willing spirit of cooperation from students and parents, and the leadership reserves the right to make the final decision in matters of judgment. Our guiding principles of the dress code are modesty and safety.

A. TOPS

1. Standard Tops

Tops should be of a fabric (not a sheer fabric) and a fit that does not reveal cleavage, midriff and undergarments. Tight-fitting shirts will not be allowed.

2. Sleeveless Tops

This is very difficult to manage. Although some sleeveless shirts are modest, others are not. To avoid the uncomfortable situation in which a judgment call (which may be perceived as unfair) regarding a shirt must be made by the leadership, sleeveless shirts or tank tops cannot show cleavage, midriff and undergarment.

3. Slogans

Any article of clothing (including Christian apparel) that initially seems to advertise a message contrary to the mission and purpose of CMCS may not be worn. In addition, clothing with slogans written on a student's bottom is not permissible.

B. PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, OR DRESSES

1. Fitting

Pants and shorts must be the correct size and be worn at the waist. Waist bands may not be rolled.

Length

The length of clothing is also a very intricate subject within the modesty regulations. We would like to allow students the freedom to enjoy fashion but help them understand when it is compromising their purity and modesty.

No undergarments should be visible.

- For elementary – shorts, skirts, dresses, and hemlines with slits may not be shorter than 5" from the top of the knee. For junior/senior high: 50% from hip to knee must be covered.
- Shreds, rips, or holes are not allowed above the knee.

None of our parameters are all inclusive, but they are in place to help encourage modesty.

C. JEWELRY

Students may wear modest jewelry, including rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings. Only standard ear piercings are permitted. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate jewelry.

D. TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCING

Tattoos and body piercings (other than earrings) are not permitted. Because of the permanence of piercings or other bodily alterations, we will ask you to wait until you have turned 18 and graduated to make that choice.

E. SWIMSUITS

If swimsuits are worn for any school function, they need to be modest. Boys must wear knee-length shorts, and girls must wear a modest one-piece suit. Or if it is two pieces, the suit must be completely covered by a dark colored t-shirt and shorts that follow the standard dress code. Again, we are focusing on modesty and doing our best not to draw attention to our skin but to our spirit.

F. FORMAL OR SEMI-FORMAL EVENTS

We want everyone to enjoy these festive evening events and have great memories of wonderful fellowship and activities. As we have stated, modesty and purity will be a mainstay of the evening. Here are a few guidelines:

1. **For the Ladies:**

Strapless gowns are acceptable but must be modest. The neckline of the dress must not fall where cleavage or undergarments are visible. The back of the gown cannot be lower than the bra line. Skintight gowns made of Lycra fabrics and other fabrics that cling to the body will not be a part of the evening's dress code, no matter what the length. If a short dress is desired, the hemline will not be more than four inches above the top of the knee.

** Special note:* If in doubt, please check with leadership. Modest formal or semi-formal attire is a must. Leadership reserves the right to approve or disapprove a dress.

2. **For the Gentlemen:**

Tux, suit, slacks, jacket, vest, nice shirt, and tie are all part of the evening's attire. No baggy slacks and no jeans, please.

G. DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

If a student is out of CMCA dress code, they will need to correct the problem before they can be allowed to enter the event. If the student has repeated dress code violations, the parent will be contacted; this may be grounds for dismissal from the program.