

2018-2019 SCHOOL DRESS CODE (Grades K-12)

Our dress code promotes biblical modesty for children and young men and women. It also promotes harmony and functionality while on our campus. Keep in mind the principles of modesty as pertain to length, tightness, and exposure.

Parental Responsibility

Cresset believes it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that students are dressed neatly and modestly. Please acquaint yourself with Cresset dress code and help train your children to comply.

Faculty and Staff Responsibility

When a student is observed to be in non-compliance with the dress code the following steps will be taken.

- Consequences for minor offenses may apply.
- The teacher may send the student to the Principal.
- Parents/ Guardians may be called to bring appropriate clothing if it cannot be remedied at school.
- Until violation is remedied the student may be held out of class.
- Repeated offenses may indicate an issue of direct disobedience and further disciplinary actions will be taken.

The following dress code is to be adhered to on all school days (7:55 am – 3:15 pm) and when representing Cresset after school hours, unless special permission from the administration is received.

Boys

- Shirts – **Must have collar and sleeves**. Shirts can be of any color or print and do not need to be tucked in but should be neat in appearance.
- Pants / shorts - Pants or shorts, 2" above the knee or longer. Belts will not be required unless the pants cannot stay at the waist. Length should not exceed the sole of the foot. Jeans may **not** have holes or be ripped. Sweat pants are not in dress code.
- Sweaters – Cardigans, V-neck, or Classic crew neck
- Sweatshirts and Hoodies – Students may wear sweatshirts and hoodies with writing, logo, or pictures that are in harmony with the philosophy of Cresset. Hoodies may not cover the student's head indoors.
- Shoes – must be worn at all times.
- Hair – must be kept neat, clean, with no extreme style – (no Mohawks, rats, shaved heads, logos, lines, or hair of other than natural colors) – Hair must be above eyes, collar, and bottom of ear. Facial hair, if present, must be well groomed.
- Hats - No hats, hoods, or head coverings of any sort allowed in the buildings.
- Coats – Heavy/winter coats may be worn outside but not in class. Light jackets may be worn in class provided shirt or sweater underneath is in dress code.
- Extras – no visible piercings or tattoos. Sunglasses should not cover students' eyes indoors. Pajamas may not be worn to school, nor bedroom slippers.

Girls

- Shirts/Blouses – the top opening of shirts or blouses may be no more than four fingers width from neck and must have complete sleeves. Shirts can be of any color or print and do not need to be tucked in but should be neat in appearance.
- Pants / Capris / Shorts - Pants or shorts, 4" above the knee or longer. Belts will not be required unless the pants cannot stay at the waist. Length should not exceed the sole of the foot. Jeans with holes or ripped must be repaired before being worn to school. Leggings may **not** be worn alone as pants, but with a tunic top. Sweat pants are not in dress code.
- Skirts / Jumpers / Dresses/Tunics – Can be of any color or print with length of 4" above the knee **or longer**. (see "Shirts/Blouses" for top opening and sleeve requirements) (Tunics worn with leggings will be considered "dresses" and must meet the length requirement.)
- Sweaters – Cardigans, V-neck, or Classic Crew neck (see "Shirts/Blouses" for top opening requirements)
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- Extras –no tattoos or visible piercings other than ears. Sunglasses should not cover student’s eyes indoors. Pajamas may **not** be worn to school, nor bedroom slippers.

Announced Special “Dress-up” Occasions

Girls: Dresses chosen must be no shorter than 4” above the knee. There should be no cleavage exposed and the backs should not dip below the natural bra line. Dresses should be appropriately fitted, not overly tight or revealing, and must have straps. (Dresses must be approved at the announced time prior to the event.)

Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and blazer are the minimum standards. Boys also may wear a suit or tuxedo.

After Hours

Cresset students are expected to be in dress code between 7:55 am and 3:15 pm and when representing Cresset after school hours. After 3:15 pm and for all school co-curricular events, practices, and spectating, students may dress at their discretion; principles of modesty and moderation continue to apply. At such times, school personnel have the right to address these issues if a student is in questionable attire.

In all cases, the administration will have the final authority about the appropriateness of any school wear; appearance must always be neat, modest, and appropriate.