

Dress Expectations

NOTE: The Dress Expectations are to be followed for all school activities and events including field trips, sporting team activities, and awards assemblies.

Rationale & Foundational Principles:

Olds Koinonia Christian School desires to maintain an appropriate educational environment, while honoring God. *Our clothing should be consistent with our character as children of God.* Respect, cleanliness, and modesty are our basic goals.

Dressing modestly means first that we are not defiant toward God. We choose clothes that are decent in His eyes, not clothes that are provocative and seductive. When we dress decently, we recognize that God ordered clothes to cover, and not draw attention to ourselves. We cover up out of respect for Him, the gospel, other people, and who He created us to be.

We believe that we are God's masterpieces created in His Image: fearfully and wonderfully made. We desire to help students understand their value and identity in Christ; the way they present themselves should be a reflection of this knowledge.

Scripture Verses:

- Psalm 139: 14 "You are fearfully and wonderfully made"
- Ephesians 2:10 "You are God's masterpiece..."
- 1 Timothy 2:9-10 "...Make themselves attractive by the good things they do"
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20- "...Honor God with your bodies."
- Luke 12:6-7- "You are valuable to God"
- Ephesians 4:21-24 "...Put on your new nature created to be like God - truly righteous and holy"
- 1 Timothy 4:12 "...set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

The Bible sets a standard for godly dress that far surpasses adherence to a set of rules. It promotes the type of godliness that flows from the inside out. True godliness. Not just the appearance of godliness.

That being said, there is a need in a school to determine a standard with clearly defined expectations.

The following guidelines are meant to provide a standard of dress that is appropriately modest for school.

General:

- Clothing must have no spiritually or culturally offensive printing or pictures.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Existing tattoos or body art must be covered.
- Shoes should be in good repair.
- Sheer material must have proper undergarments.
- Hair must be modest, clean, and neat in appearance.

Reference: www.desiringgod.org/articles/does-god-care-what-i-wear

- GYM Clothes expectations: Please see the Athletics Manual. Gym clothes may not be worn to class.

Hats & Hoodies: Hats are not to be worn inside the school at any time & hoods should be down when in school.

Shirts:

- Modest and well fitting necklines (not off the shoulder)
- Midriffs must be covered
- Sleeveless clothing must have straps that are, at minimum, 4 fingers wide



Pants:

All pants must fit properly and modestly, and be in good repair. Rips are allowed as long as the only see through portions are below the fingertips



Shorts: at or below fingertip level.



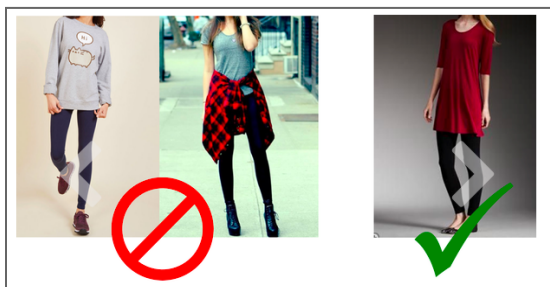
Girls:

Hair, Make up & Jewelry:

Should be modest in appearance. Earrings are the only allowed body piercings.

Dresses & Skirts: Knee length or longer

Leggings: Leggings worn by students in Gr 5-12 must be covered by an article of clothing at least fingertip length that covers 360 degrees.



Swimwear: Must be one piece or tankini.

Boys:

No body piercings are allowed.