

## **Agape Christian Academy Dress Code**

It is the desire of Agape Christian Academy to create an environment of scholarship and mutual respect among our students. We believe that God's word teaches us to dress modestly in such a manner so as not to cause anyone to stumble and not become conformed to the styles and trends of the world. One's appearance makes a visible statement about one's faith.

With this in mind, we have established standards for dress and appearance for our school. The purpose of our dress code is neither to work a hardship on the students or parents, nor to deny the dictates of individual conscience. We believe that the best way to establish a consistent appearance for our students is through a uniform-like standard for dress. The following guidelines are intended to promote appropriate apparel and grooming habits that will not be a distraction in the classroom. We believe our dress code serves as a guide for our students to develop God-consciousness in their personal habits of dress.

The dress code will be:

- dress pants, shorts or skirts/skorts that are khaki or navy blue
- dress shirts/blouses (long or short sleeved), sweaters (v-neck, crew neck or cardigan), "golf" shirts (short or long-sleeved), turtlenecks, and crew-necked sweatshirts; the shirts must be a solid color in white, navy blue, dark hunter green, light blue or dark red; no writing, logos or pictures are permitted on any of the clothing; all shirts must have collars
- tennis shoes, dress shoes or sandals; no flip flops are permitted
- knee socks, ankle socks, and tights/hose (in white, navy or cream) are all permitted

The Academy will have examples of the recommended clothing for the parents to view. This apparel can be purchased at any store.

### Boys

1. Pants should be neat and clean with no holes.

### Girls

1. Pants are to be modestly fitted. They are to be neat and clean with no holes.
2. Skirts and skorts are to communicate modesty in the appearance of the individual. The hem of the clothing must extend to the finger tips when arms are at the student's side.

On occasion, the Administration may deem a “casual” day which will allow students to wear clothing that deviates from this dress code. Those days will be announced in advance to students and parents along with guidelines for dress.

Each student is expected to have well-groomed hair with no extremes in color or styles. Makeup is not permitted for girls. Any issues regarding questionable clothing or appearance will be handled at the discretion of the Administrator.

By choosing to send your son or daughter to Agape Christian Academy, parents are expected to work with the staff to maintain neatly dressed and well-groomed students out of respect for our Lord. We expect our parents to work with the staff to maintain the dress code, because it is important to teach the young people to respect authority.