



OCS Dress Code 2018-2019

The students at Oostburg Christian School are a witness to our community. In an effort to honor God in all areas of our lives, we ask that student appearance and clothing be modest and appropriately reflect a Christian lifestyle. As noted in 1 Corinthians 8:9, we as Christians ought to be moderate in all things and refrain from offending others or being stumbling blocks to them. As image bearers of Christ we should be given to modesty and appropriateness in what we wear.

The purpose of any dress code is to help the student and parents make good choices about the clothing that we wear and set boundaries where students have the freedom to express their individuality while maintaining proper standards for a Christian learning environment.

Extremes in dress or grooming are not acceptable when they are perceived as challenges to accepted standards, draw undue attention to the individual, or distract from education. This policy covers all school-related events and activities both inside and outside the classroom.

The following helps define what you can wear:

1. We love to see children wearing clothes that portray them as a child of God – given to modesty and appropriateness to confirm our identity in Christ and not given to the ideas of this world.
2. Our school should be full of God's children not tied to self-promotion through the use of such words on a shirt or pants.
3. You can wear clothing that fits well and covers enough of yourself that would not cause distraction to others and be uncomfortable to maneuver in during the course of your day.
4. We live in Wisconsin and the weather gets cold. We also go outside during the day to get fresh air. All 3K – 5 kids need snow pants, boots, gloves, hats & mittens for the winter months. Shorts may only be worn before November 1 and after March 31 – but only if the weather warrants. On that note – we do not want hats of any kind to be worn in school – unless we are having a special theme day.
5. Your choice of dress for the day should be fitting for what you are here to do – learn, study, engage in your role as a student. These choices should also not bring distraction to other students.
6. Girls look very pretty wearing earrings. That is the extent of piercings we want to see.
7. For safety reasons, flip flops & sandals are not recommended. A separate set of tennis shoes are needed to play in the gym and during P.E. Appropriate footwear must be worn – although slippers would be most comfortable to wear during your school day they are only deemed appropriate for sitting around your living room. Make good choices!
8. Students in grades 5 – 8 have one more guideline simply for the reason that you are growing up and that comes with a higher level of clarity of what is appropriate for your age group.

For these students, shirts must have sleeves, we do not allow ripped jeans that expose any skin and leggings cannot be worn without a skirt, dress or oversized shirt that completely covers the buttocks.

Sometimes it is hard to make good choices. If children come to school having made a poor choice for the day related to their attire, an opportunity will be given to call home for new clothing or options will be given from what we have available here at OCS. We encourage parents and students to view these guidelines not as restrictions but rather opportunities to glorify God in how we present ourselves on any given day.