

## **DRESS CODE POLICY**

The standards of the school are apparent by the personal appearance of its students. Styles that are extreme or that sacrifice decency, good taste, or Christian standards are not conducive to spiritual and academic growth. Though opinions differ as to what constitutes proper dress, we must have an institutional standard in order for us to be consistent in our enforcement. Some general scriptural guidelines for students, staff and volunteers for dress are as follows:

1. Modesty (I Timothy 2:9; II Timothy 2:22)
2. Distinction between the sexes (Deuteronomy 22:5; I Corinthians 11:14 –15)
3. In a manner pleasing to the Lord (I Timothy 4:12; Romans 12:1-2; I John 2:15-16)
4. Appropriate dress for the occasion (I Corinthians 14: 40)

The uniform dress code applies to all students and is in effect for all school day activities, including field trips, unless otherwise indicated. The uniform dress code at school-sponsored public programs held outside the normal school day does not apply to non-participants. However, all NGCA students should dress modestly and in good taste when attending any school function. **We respectfully ask that you follow free dress day guidelines for any school-sponsored function.**

**Approved uniform items may be purchased through Lands' End.** A list of acceptable uniform items is attached for you to select from when ordering from Lands' End. Always refer to this list before placing an order. Pants and shirts may be purchased locally as long as they are a true khaki (not stone) or dark navy color and are styled like those on our approved uniform list. Polo shirts from Lands' End may also be purchased at Sears.

**We ask that every student purchase a short sleeve green Interlock Polo knit shirt from Lands' End for special events and occasions where uniformity would be desirable and a monogrammed uniform sweater or jacket for times when additional warmth may be needed in the classroom.** All uniform shirts, blouses, sweaters and jackets must be monogrammed with the school name/logo.

The official chapel uniform is as follows:

### **Chapel Uniforms**

#### **Uniform Requirements**

**Lands' End Preferred Account # 9000-9472-3**

#### **All Boys:**

**Easy Care Oxford Shirt- in White with Logo**

Short Sleeve or Long sleeve

**Plaid Tie- in White Plaid**

Pre-tied or to be tied

**Stain-Resist Plain Front Chinos- in Classic Navy**

**Belts- Brown Leather- Plain or Braided**

#### **Shoes:**

Spice Brown or Navy

\*\* Also, may be purchased in Leather from other source, must be same style and close in color.

**Girl: K2, K3, K4 and K5:**

**Oxford Shirt- in White with Logo**  
Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve

**Plaid Jumper- in White Plaid**

**Girl: Grades 1-12:**

**Oxford Shirt- in White with Logo**  
Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve

**Sweater Vest- in Evergreen with Logo**

**Plaid A-line Skirt- in White Plaid**

**White/Navy tights or knee socks**  
**\*\*Also, ankle socks may be worn**

Spice Brown or Navy Mary Janes

\*\* Also, may be purchased in Leather from other source, must be same style and close in color.

**GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

- Uniforms should be appropriately sized (not too large, too small, too tight, or too short) for the student. Uniforms should always be clean, neat, and in good repair.
- **Only an approved uniform sweater or jacket may be worn with the uniform indoors.** All other coats and sweaters are to be put away while in the school building.
- Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Socks are to be worn at all times. **Socks must completely cover the ankle (booties are unacceptable).** Socks and tights must be a solid khaki, cream, navy, or white.
- Daily shoes are those as outlined for chapel.
- All shoes, for safety reasons, must fully cover the foot. Sandals, flip-flops, clogs, boots, or other styles that cover the ankle are not allowed.
- Tennis/athletic style shoes may be worn for recess and PE **only**. Tennis shoes are to be of neutral colors and follow guidelines as listed below:
- For some school events and field trips, tennis shoes will not be permitted attire. matching laces, no distracting features, no rollers, lights, neon or bright colors, noise makers, or slug soles
- A solid color black, brown, khaki, or navy belt must be worn with pants and shorts.
- Pants should fit properly at the waist and may not be baggy or sag. Wallet chains are prohibited.
- Shorts are not appropriate during the winter months (November – February). It is recommended that skorts and skirts be worn with knee-high socks or tights during these same winter months.

- K3-5 girls are encouraged to wear shorts under their jumpers or skirts.
- No hats, vests (other than school apparel), scarves or additional clothing accessories are permitted.
- Extreme fads of hair color or styles, clothing, jewelry or shoes will not be allowed.
- No tattoos (real or temporary) or body piercing, other than girls' ears, are allowed.
  - Girls' hairstyles are to be clean, neat and out of their eyes. Hair clasps/bows must coordinate with uniform colors (navy, white, khaki, maize or green).
  - Boys' hairstyles should be clean, neatly trimmed, and combed. Hair should be above the eyebrows and collar, and no longer than mid-ear on the sides. Boys who shave must maintain a clean-shaven appearance with sideburns extending no lower than mid-ear.
  - Jewelry – One ring per hand, a wristwatch, one bracelet, one necklace and one set of small earrings in the earlobes are permitted. Jewelry should be age appropriate and not extreme in style or color.
  - Boys may not wear earrings.
  - Makeup and nail polish, if worn, **should be light natural colors**, and not reflective of any extreme trend, e.g., Gothic, dark colors, or neon. Only one color of polish at a time is acceptable.

## **UNIFORM VENDOR**

**Land's End** – Go to their website at [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school).

You may call them at 1-800-469-2222 and use the preferred account #9000- 9472-3.

## **FREE DRESS DAY**

At least one day each month will be designated as a Free Dress Day. Students will be allowed to dress in non-uniform attire on these days. Even in this more relaxed dress code, students are expected to exhibit a Christian example, by dressing neatly, and in a clean and modest manner. The free dress day code is the minimum dress permitted at extra-curricular school events, such as clubs or athletic events, on and off campus. More specific guidelines are listed below:

- Jeans are acceptable. (Appropriately waisted, sized & pulled up.)

- Shorts are acceptable. (Length must be below the tips of the fingers when standing with arms and hands extended by the student's side.)
- T-shirts / sweatshirts are acceptable. (Symbols, pictures, slogans or patches must not take away from a positive Christian environment; all shirts must be of a tuckable length.)
- Tennis shoes with socks are acceptable. (No sandals, crocs, flip-flops, clogs or boots are allowed.)
- Hats are limited to specific themed free dress days and must be free of graffiti and/or unacceptable symbols. When hats are allowed, they must be worn in the correct manner with the bill forward above the eyes.

**The following are prohibited: Low cut, midriff, sleeveless or backless blouses, shirts or dresses; skin-tight clothes for boys or girls; spandex or leggings.**

The Administrator is to have final discretion on subjective interpretation of the dress code policy. If dress code violations are determined to be in blatant defiance at any grade level, the Administrator may invoke suspension at any time in the process. See "Uniform Violations."

Note: If there is any question concerning particular attire, call the school office prior to wearing it to school. Dress code violations on Free Dress Day are subject to the same discipline code as on regular uniform days.