

## **7.9 CLASS MEETINGS**

All class and organization meetings are to be held with the permission and knowledge of the assigned sponsor. Most high school organization meetings (when needed) will be conducted during the weekly activity period.

## **7.10 SENIOR TRIP**

Seniors are privileged to participate in a class trip during the spring semester at Berean Academy on a date set by the senior class sponsor and the head of school. Seniors must:

- A. Be passing all classes required for graduation
- B. Have made up any missing credits required for graduation
- C. Be current with tuition payment
- D. Complete the senior verse project

# **8 DRESS CODE**

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## **8.1 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE**

Following the biblical principle that Christians should not let the world “squeeze them into its mold,” the dress code follows three main points: The dress must be honoring to God, be appropriate for the occasion, and be neat and clean (I John 2:15-16).

Berean’s desire is to honor God in all things, including the way students dress. Biblical principles, which guide in this desire, follow:

- A. The Christian is not to be fashioned or “conformed” outwardly or inwardly according to the world (Romans 12:1, I Peter 1:14).
- B. Students are to abstain from all appearance of evil (I Thessalonians 5:22).
- C. Decency and modesty are to be followed in dress (I Timothy 2:9-10).
- D. The inward adorning of the heart is to be emphasized rather than the outward appearance (I Peter 3:3-4).
- E. Christians are not to love the standards the world sets in any area of life (I John 2:15-17).

The Bible clearly teaches submission to authority. Therefore, the school depends on a willing spirit of cooperation from students and parents in support of (not necessarily always in agreement with) those guidelines.

## **8.2 DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

Whenever there are biblical principles, people interpret them in a variety of ways. The following guidelines are to help the student understand how Berean interprets the above principles.

- A. Berean Academy believes clothing should be appropriate for the occasion. When

students come to school, they are coming to work and learn and should be in the prescribed dress code during the school day.

- B. Berean Academy students should always wear clothes that are neat, clean, modest and free from damage. (No holes, rips, tears, etc.)
- C. Fridays will be Spirit Wear days (Berean logo) where t-shirts and blue jeans may be worn.
- D. Please note that the administration reserves the right to make the final decision in any matter of judgment regarding dress code.

### **8.3 GIRLS' DRESS CODE**

#### **8.3.1 K—6<sup>th</sup> Girls' Dress Code**

Elementary girls may wear slacks, capris (mid-calf length), jeans, dresses, or skirts during the school day. Shorts, split-skirts, sweatpants, camouflage, or exercise style pants should not be worn. Jeans or slacks should be free from large writing, "splattering" or other distracting features. All clothing should be clean and free from holes, rips and frayed hems.

Dresses and skirts should be long and full. When skirts or dresses are worn, the hem must reach the top of the knee. Slits in longer skirts must meet the same guidelines. If the skirt length is at the top of the knee, a slit is inappropriate. At the elementary level, shorts should be worn under skirts or dresses to allow for modesty on the playground. Leggings are acceptable if a skirt or dress of appropriate length is worn over them.

Tops and dresses with sleeves shall be worn. The top must be long enough to cover the top of the skirt/pants if the arms are raised. Tops, T-shirts and athletic jerseys that are too long (mid-thigh) must be tucked in. Girls should not wear plain white T-shirts. Shirts without collars can be worn. Any design or writing on the shirt must be in good taste. The school administration reserves the right to make the final decision for each individual case.

On special occasions the students may be allowed to wear modest length shorts. Parents will be notified when those days occur. Otherwise, shorts are not to be worn.

Full shoes and secure sandals should be worn. For health and safety reasons, shoes without a heel strap are not appropriate. Shoes must be worn at all times in and out of the classroom.

Having the body pierced to wear jewelry, other than the ears, is unacceptable.

#### **8.3.2 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Girls' Dress Code**

- A. Modest slacks, capris, and /or colored jeans (not skintight or low cut.) No blue jeans (except on Fridays. No leggings, Jeggings, or printed materials.
- B. Dresses, skirts with hems with slits no shorter than the top of the knee.
- C. Modest tops with sleeves. Long enough to cover the waistband when arms are completely raised, no "revealing" neck lines (i.e., no plunging necklines that show

cleavage), no visible undergarments, no writing on the tops unless it is a small logo.

- D. Jackets, sweatshirts, and hoodies may be worn. If words are present, they must adhere to the school's biblical values.

Appropriate shoes or sandals, slides, or full shoes. Flip-flops should not be worn. Shorts worn for P.E., athletic practices and approved activities must be of fingertip length. When swimwear is to be worn at a school-sponsored event, girls must wear one-piece swimsuits.

Banquet dress for ladies should follow neckline and garment length stated for school dress. The dress must have straps, should have a neckline (i.e., no plunging necklines that show cleavage), be to the top of the knee, and sides and mid-back must be covered. If it is a long dress, any slit needs to be no higher than the knee. If there is a concern on whether the dress meets dress code, the student may send a picture of them in the dress or bring it to school to have it approved by administration.

Having the body pierced to wear jewelry, other than the ears, is unacceptable. Tattoos (including temporary henna or jagua tattoos) are prohibited.

## **8.4 BOYS' DRESS CODE**

### **8.4.1 K—6<sup>th</sup> Boys' Dress Code**

Elementary boys may wear slacks and jeans that are neither too snug nor too saggy and baggy. In the months of August and May, khaki shorts may be worn. Athletic and jean shorts, sweatpants, camouflage, or exercise style pants should not be worn. All clothing needs to be free from holes, rips and frayed hems.

Boys should not wear plain white T-shirts. Shirts without collars can be worn, but all shirts must have sleeves. Collared shirts, T-shirts, and athletic jerseys that are too long (mid-thigh) must be tucked in. Any design or writing on the shirt must be in good taste. The school administration reserves the right to make the final decision for each individual case.

On special occasions the students may be allowed to wear modest length athletic shorts or sweatpants. Parents will be notified when those days occur. Otherwise, khaki shorts are to be worn only in the months of August and May.

Full shoes and secure sandals should be worn. For health and safety reasons, shoes without a heel strap are not appropriate. Shoes must be worn at all times in and out of the classroom.

Boys are not to wear earrings. Their hair needs to be neatly trimmed, off of the ear, off of the shirt collar, and above the eyebrow.

### **8.4.2 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Boys' Dress Code**

- A. Slacks or colored jeans. No blue jeans (except on Fridays) or pants with drawstrings.

- B. Shirts with collars. (Not oversized, no wording, small logos are acceptable.)
- C. Jackets, sweatshirts, and hoodies may be worn. If words are present, they must adhere to the school's biblical values.

Young men need to have their hair neatly trimmed, off of the ear and shirt collar and above the eyebrows. Facial hair is unacceptable for students. Earrings or having the body pierced to wear jewelry is unacceptable. Tattoos (including temporary henna or jaguar tattoos) are prohibited.

## **8.5 DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

If a student is observed in violation of the dress code, the disciplinary procedure will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> offences – violations will be recorded in Sycamore. K-6<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be notified by the teacher/administrator.

4<sup>th</sup> offence – violation will be recorded in Sycamore; parents will be notified and student (7-12) will serve a ninth hour detention after school

5<sup>th</sup> offence – violation will be recorded in Sycamore, an email will be sent to parents indicating a required meeting including the student, parents and administration, and student will serve an in-school suspension.

# **9 LIBRARY**

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## **9.1 USE OF THE LIBRARY**

- 9.1.1 The library should always have an atmosphere for studying. Unnecessary talking or other disturbances will not be permitted. Failure to respond to correction will result in dismissal from the library and a one-week suspension of library privileges.
- 9.1.2 The library exists so students will have the opportunity to use its materials and equipment; therefore, any item to be removed from the library must be cleared by the library staff.
- 9.1.3 A book may be kept for the regular 14-day period unless other restrictions apply.
- 9.1.4 After using a book from the shelves, students should be sure to replace it properly. If a book cannot be found in the correct place, the librarian should be asked. A book that is incorrectly shelved is considered a lost book.
- 9.1.5 Teachers reserve books for specific classes from time to time. A reserved book may have an "overnight," "weekend," or "two week" checkout tag.
- 9.1.6 Periodicals and Chromebooks cannot be checked out from the library.
- 9.1.7 Please report any objectionable library materials to the librarian by filling out the form found in the library or main office.