



## COMMITMENT TO APPROPRIATE DRESS

Modesty in dress and appearance is a Biblical principal that Redeemer wants to see reflected in the lives of its students. Our bodies are temples of God. "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). Whether it be in the classroom or in the community, the impression given by Redeemer pupils should be a positive one, a Christian example in both conduct and appearance. The dress code is designed to set a standard for clothing that is safe, that allows the students to participate in all the normal learning activities of the classroom and playground, and that is not mistakenly associated with any group, gang, or organization that would undermine the purposes of Redeemer Lutheran School. For that reason, and in keeping with our objectives of promoting Christian conduct in a Christian environment, and to help parents with selecting and providing appropriate school attire, the following standards have been adopted by the faculty and the governing board:

1. Although parents and students are responsible for their attire, the faculty and administration will be responsible for judging whether a student's appearance violates school standards. If student dress is deemed inappropriate, consequences will be applied.
2. Clothing should be neat, clean and decent. It should allow students to learn in the classroom without distraction, and to comfortably participate in activities on the playground. Moderation in choice of clothing and styles should be the principle to follow.
3. Appropriate attire would be jeans, slacks, shorts, shirts, dresses, skirts and blouses. Students may wear sleeveless clothing. Shirts with spaghetti straps are not allowed. Midriff tops, half shirts, and low cut tops are not appropriate. Short shorts, tight stretch shorts and pants, short skirts or torn or frayed clothing are not considered appropriate. Clothes should fit properly and be worn in the manner intended. Baggy/low hanging pants or shorts, oversized shirts, etc. will be seen as ill-fitting and not appropriate.
4. Shoes must be worn at all times. Athletic shoes that allow for active play are preferred. Shoes must cover the toes. Flip flops, platform shoes, shoes with rollers or metal cleats on the soles are not to be worn.
5. Haircuts and hairdos should be modest, avoiding extremes. Only natural hair colors are allowed, except during Spirit Week.
6. Modest makeup may be worn by girls in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, although no makeup is to be brought to school.
7. Modest jewelry may be worn (jewelry should not be worn during athletic activities).

8. Caps, hats, and sunglasses may be worn outside, but they may not be worn inside.
9. Personal articles or attire of any kind that advertises or promotes alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco, drugs, or groups that contain vulgar or unchristian statements, pictures, insignias or symbols are inappropriate and should not be brought to or worn at school. Inappropriate statements or suggestions are also not allowed.

**Consequences for Violations of the Dress Standard:**

1. Parents will be notified by phone and will be asked to bring appropriate clothing if the clothing is immodest or unsafe.
  - ~ Students may wear clothing provided by the school administration until such a time that appropriate clothing is brought to school.
2. For other minor dress code violations, parents will be notified by the classroom teacher.
3. Three dress code violations will result in disciplinary action.