

**Upper Bucks Christian School Dress and Grooming Code**  
(Effective 1/1/2024)

Students of Upper Bucks Christian School represent Christ to others in the community. Their appearance should demonstrate that they desire to please God and glorify Christ (Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 10:31). While many of the areas covered in our dress code are not a matter of sin, they help us maintain an educational atmosphere that is appropriate in a Christian School. While we do not judge the heart on outward appearance, we do want our students to understand that certain activities warrant certain styles of dress. Good dress and grooming is a positive factor in creating a proper educational atmosphere that enables proper academic study. Dress and appearance needs to be non-distracting nor detrimental to the educational activities of our school. It is the student and their parents/guardians who are responsible for dress consistent with this dress code.

**General Guidelines for All Grades**

1. Apparel should be clean, in good repair, and appropriate for the activity.
2. Clothing should be modest and consistent with student’s birth sex.
3. All clothing should be appropriate in style and fit, loose and modest. Consider the type of fabric, cut, and style of the clothing for your child’s build.
4. When printed messages or pictures are permitted, they should be positive, not distracting, and consistent with the mission of UBCS. Please avoid pictures and phrases that do not align with our Biblical worldview.
5. Administration reserves the right to interpret the code as needed for appropriateness, modesty, health, and safety.



**Specific Guidelines for Elementary Students Grades K-4**

\*See General Guidelines above

Category:	Permitted	Not Permitted
General	Play clothes that are appropriate for recess, clean, modest in fit, and in good repair.	
Shoes:	Shoes and sneakers that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In good repair</li> <li>• Clean</li> <li>• Appropriate for recess and school activities</li> </ul>	Foam style flip flops Slippers Shower style shoes <b>Note:</b> Open toed shoes are not recommended
Pants:	Jeans and other pants Leggings under other clothing that extends to at least the bottom of the fingertips	Uncovered leggings
Tops	Tops and T-shirts Spirit shirts	T-shirts with pictures and phrases that do not line up with our Biblical worldview
Shorts	During warmer weather: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> day of school – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in October</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April – last day of school</li> </ul> Approved activities: PE days, field day, Walk-4-Bucks, other times designated by the office  <b>Note:</b> when permitted, must be loose fitting, modest, and of appropriate length (bottom of fingertips when arms fully extended)	Not as normal school attire Shorts with rolled up waistline to make them shorter
Hair	Neat, clean, and cut in a non-distracting style Of a natural color (including hair highlights) Non-natural <u>subtle highlights</u> of lighter tones (pastel-like colors), also referred to as Baby-lite highlights or Peek-a-Boo highlights	<b>Boys:</b> Hair longer than the bottom of the collar, bottom of the ears, or covering the eyes. Hair of a non-natural color. <b>Girls:</b> Non-natural highlight styles referred to as <u>partial highlights</u> or <u>full highlights</u> (covering 50% or more of the head) Hair highlights of darker tones (non-pastel)

Specific Guidelines for **Female Students** in Grades 5-12

\*See General Guidelines above the Charts

Category:	Permitted	Not Permitted
Shoes:	Shoes and sneakers that are in good repair, clean, and appropriate for school activities. Crocs and slide style shoes	Foam/shower style flip flops Slippers
Pants:	Khaki style, blue jeans, and jean style pants Jeans designed by manufacturer to have fraying Leggings under other clothing that extends to at least the bottom of the fingertips (mid-thigh). Athletic wear on certain days (communicated by the office) For students in <u>grades 5-8</u> , athletic style pants on days when they have PE.	Low-cut waist, hip huggers, pajama style, overalls, and army fatigues Pants made of stretch materials, flannel, leather, and parachute fabric Pants with holes that allow the leg to be seen Pants that are form-fitting Athletic style pants (sweats) on a regular basis Uncovered leggings
Skirts and Dresses		Hemlines, slits, or openings that are higher than the top of the knee
Shorts	For students in <u>grades 5-8</u> , during warmer weather: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> day of school – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in October</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April – last day of school</li> </ul> Approved activities such as camp, athletic practices, and other times as designated by the office For all grades, PE shorts purchased from the school on field day and for Walk-4-Bucks For students in <u>grades 5-8</u> , PE shorts purchased from the school on days when they have PE For students in <u>grades 9-12</u> , PE shorts purchased from the school may be worn after PE until the end of the day	Not as normal school attire Shorts with rolled up waistline to make them shorter Immodest, tight fitting or of inappropriate length  <b>Note:</b> Appropriate length is to the bottom of fingertips when arms are fully extended
Tops	<u>Contoured</u> tops designed for females may contain words or pictures that align with our Biblical worldview UBCS spirit shirts Sweatshirts and hoodies Athletic or recreational t-shirts may be worn after school and for athletic events	Pictures or phrases that do not line up with our Biblical worldview Tops that do not keep the midriff covered at all times (including when arms are raised over the head) Immodest neckline Form fitting <b>Note:</b> Hoods are not to be up while indoors.
Hair	Neat, clean, and cut in a non-distracting style Of a natural color (including hair highlights) Non-natural <u>subtle highlights</u> of lighter tones (pastel-like colors), also referred to as Baby-lite highlights or Peek-a-Boo highlights	Non-natural highlight styles referred to as <u>partial highlights</u> or <u>full highlights</u> (covering 50% or more of the head) Hair highlights of darker tones (non-pastel-like)
Jewelry	Non distracting	
Piercings	Maximum of 4 piercings in each ear	Facial piercings Body piercings
Body markings		Tattoos Other ink drawings (permanent or temporary)

Specific Guidelines for Male Students in Grades 5-12

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Category:	Permitted	Not Permitted
Shoes:	Shoes and sneakers that are in good repair, clean, and appropriate for school activities. Crocs At athletic events, slip on and slide style shoes	Foam/shower style flip flops Slippers or slip on sandals Open toed shoes Work boots
Pants:	Khaki style, blue jeans, and jean style pants Jeans designed by manufacturer to have fraying Athletic wear on certain days (communicated by the office) For students in <u>grades 5-8</u> , athletic style pants on days when they have PE.  <b>Note:</b> if pants have belt loops, belts must be worn	Low-cut waist, hip huggers, pajama style, pants with draw string waistbands, overalls, and army fatigues Pants made of stretch materials, flannel, leather, and parachute fabric Pants with holes that allow the leg to be seen Baggy or oversized pants Athletic style pants (sweats) on a regular basis Pants worn below the waist
Shorts	For students in <u>grades 5-8</u> , during warmer weather: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> day of school – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in October</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April – last day of school</li> </ul> Approved activities such as camp, athletic practices, and other times designated by the office For all grades, PE shorts purchased from the school on field day and for Walk-4-Bucks For students in <u>grades 5-8</u> , PE shorts purchased from the school on days when they have PE For students in <u>grades 9-12</u> , PE shorts purchased from the school may be worn after PE until the end of the day	Not as normal school attire Immodest, tight fitting or of inappropriate length  <b>Note:</b> Appropriate length is to the bottom of fingertips when arms are fully extended
Tops	Collared dress shirts and polo shirts Long sleeve, ¾ sleeve crew neck tops, sweaters Short sleeve shirts with pockets or buttons Solid colored (non-white) tops and t-shirts without graphics or words (company logos such as the Nike swoosh are permitted) UBCS spirit shirts Sweatshirts and hoodies Athletic or recreational t-shirts may be worn for after school and for athletic events	Pictures or phrases that do not line up with our Biblical worldview Tank tops  <b>Note:</b> Hoods are not to be up while indoors.
Hair and facial hair	Neat, clean, and cut in a non-distracting style Of a natural color Clean shaven For seniors, beards and mustaches that are neatly maintained	Hair length longer than the bottom of the collar, the bottom of the ears, or that covers the eyes.
Jewelry	Non distracting (necklaces, bracelets, and rings)	
Piercings		Any piercings
Body markings		Tattoos Other ink drawings (permanent or temporary)