

## **DRESS CODE & APPEARANCE CODE**

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Appearance expresses attitude and personality, and it also influences behavior. DTMCS's Dress and Appearance Code expresses seriousness and a positive attitude that suggests a readiness for learning. Clothing that is excessively faded, torn, or otherwise worn out is not consistent with this philosophy and therefore should not be worn to school, even if it is otherwise in accordance with the DTMCS Dress Code. The purpose of the Dress and Appearance Code is to teach and model lasting principles of appropriate dress and behavior, not simply to address fashions and fads. Recognizing the variety in classroom settings and individual students, these guidelines offer methods for dressing modestly and appropriately under all circumstances.

### **DRESS CODE**

Uniforms are mandatory for students in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Doris Todd Christian School. Please read this information carefully and contact the school office for any additional information you may need. Students not in compliance with the dress code standards set forth below may be asked to conform before entering the classroom.

**ALL school uniforms must be purchased from  
*Dennis Uniform Company***

### **BOYS**

**Official Uniform** – Worn every WEDNESDAY and Special Events

- Navy blue twill pleat uniform long pants, or
- Navy blue twill pleat shorts, no cargo shorts
- Blue polo shirt with school logo
- Socks must be white or navy

### **Mix and Match Options** –

Worn on MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Grades K-5 – Doris Todd Logo

- Navy blue twill pleat uniform long pants or
- Navy blue twill pleat uniform shorts or
- Navy blue cargo style uniform shorts
- Blue or green polo shirt with school logo
- Socks must be white or navy

Grades 6-8 – Maui Christian Logo

- Navy blue or khaki twill pleat uniform long pants or
- Navy blue or khaki twill pleat uniform shorts or
- Navy blue cargo style uniform shorts
- Blue or green polo shirt with school logo
- Socks must be white or navy

## GIRLS

### **Official Uniform** – Worn on WEDNESDAY and Special Events

- Plaid jumper worn with white short-sleeved blouse (K-5), or
- Plaid skirt worn with blue polo shirt with school logo (K-8)
- White or navy socks

### **Mix and Match Options** –

Worn on MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

#### Grades K-5 – Doris Todd Logo

- Plaid jumper worn with short-sleeved white blouse (no polo shirt)
- Plaid skirt
- Navy blue uniform walk shorts, twill pleat front or hipster
- Navy blue twill pleat uniform long pants
- Blue or green polo shirt with school logo
- Girls are required to wear any shorts under all skirts and jumpers
- White or navy socks

#### Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8 – Maui Christian Logo

- Plaid skirt
- Khaki twill skirt
- Navy blue twill pleat uniform long pants
- Navy or khaki twill pleat front uniform walk shorts
- Navy or khaki knee length hipster uniform walk shorts
- Blue or green polo shirt with school logo
- White or navy socks

## **OUTER WEAR**

- ONLY the official DTMCS sweatshirt may be worn on campus. There are 3 styles to choose from: hooded pullover, hooded zip, and partial zip w/out hood.
- School uniforms must be worn under sweatshirts.
- Towels, ties, scarves, and other decorative clothing items may not be worn around the neck or head during the school day, or is layering of clothing allowed.

## **CASUAL DRESS DAY (K-8)**

Casual Dress Days are awarded by the Principal. Please be advised that the guidelines for casual dress for boys and girls are as follows:

- Any DTMCS T-shirt
- Christian T-shirt--no tank tops, cut-offs, or crop tops.
- Slacks, jeans, Capri's or walking shorts.
  - If hip-huggers/low cut jeans are worn, tops must be long enough to stay below the waistline at all times even when seated.
  - Unacceptable jeans include stretch, oversized, bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy styles, **frayed, jeans with holes**, overalls, or carpenter style jeans.
  - Shorts must be finger-tip length or longer
  - No spandex or tight-fitting clothing

## **UNIFORM DETAILS - for boys and girls**

- Closed shoes with heel strap must be worn. Crocs are permitted if closed toe style.
- Athletic shoes and socks must be worn for physical education classes.
- Hairstyles must be neat and trimmed. **EXTREME HAIRSTYLES ARE NOT PERMITTED.**
- Boys may not wear earrings on campus or to school related events.
- Pants and shorts must not be tight-fitting.
- All skirts and shorts **MUST** be no shorter than 2” above the knee. The 2” above the knee measurement must be maintained throughout the school year to remain in compliance with dress code: if a student grows so that the skirts or shorts no longer come to within 2” of the knee, they may no longer be worn to school.
- Shorts should not extend below the bottom of the knee.
- Pant hems are not to be cut or frayed.

## **ADDITIONAL GIRLS’ DRESS GUIDELINES**

The following rules apply whenever a student is at school, even after school hours and/or when students have permission to wear clothing other than normal dress code during the school day.

- Clothing should always be clean, neat, modest, and properly sized.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and out of sight at all times (i.e., clothes should not be worn tight enough to see undergarment lines).
- Leggings are not to be worn under skirts or shorts.
- Clothing must be worn in its intended style, for example, shoes must be tied, and skirts and shorts may not be rolled at the waist.
- No frayed or see-through clothing is permitted.
- Hats and sunglasses are not allowed unless required by teacher for fieldtrips.
- Do-rags and any other head-coverings may not be worn.
- There will be no dying of the hair, unusual hairstyles or controversial styles. Questions on hairstyle, coloring and cuts will be referred to the principal for decision.
- Hair coloring and styling, fingernail polish, cosmetics, earrings, and similar personal choices must reflect a conservative, traditional style and be acceptable to the Principal.
- Only two earrings per ear, in the ear lobe, are allowed, and no other body piercing is permitted. Covering an unacceptable body piercing with tape or other efforts to conceal it do not make such a piercing acceptable, and students will be required to remove any item that is so concealed.
- No visible tattoos are allowed, and attempting to conceal an otherwise visible tattoo with tape or other obvious methods of concealment is not acceptable.

DTMCS retains the right to prohibit any hair coloring or styling, fingernail polish, cosmetics, earrings, and other personal appearance choices that it deems desirable to prohibit for the benefit of the educational process, which DTMCS shall determine in its sole discretion.

## **ADDITIONAL BOYS’ DRESS GUIDELINES**

The following rules apply whenever a student is at school, even after school hours and/or when students have permission to wear clothing other than normal dress code during the school day.

- Clothing should always be clean, neat, modest, and properly sized.
- Pants must worn at the waist, not below the waist or on the hips. No pants may be cutoffs, oversized, or of bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy style, overalls or carpenter styles.

- Clothing must be worn in its intended style for example shoes must be tied.
- No frayed or see-through clothing is permitted.
- Hats and sunglasses are not allowed unless required by teacher for fieldtrips.
- Do-rags and any other head-coverings are not to be worn.
- Boys must wear their hair in a short, neatly cut style. Hair must be off the top of the collar, cut short around the ears, and only to the middle of the forehead. Styles with tails, spikes, stripes cut into the hair, color streaking, dying, or other unusual haircuts are not permitted.
- Boys may not wear earrings or any other body piercing on campus or at school related activities, whether on or off campus. Covering an unacceptable body piercing with tape or other efforts to conceal it do not make such a piercing acceptable, and students will be required to remove any item that is so concealed.
- No visible tattoos are allowed, and attempting to conceal an otherwise visible tattoo with tape or other obvious methods of concealment is not acceptable.
- DTMCS retains the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit any hair coloring or styling or other personal appearance choices that it deems distracting to the educational process.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM**

Students must have the regulation uniform to participate in physical education class: T-shirt with school logo, uniform P.E. shorts, athletic shoes and socks. No substitutions will be allowed.

### **Grades K-5**

- T-shirt: Ash gray with Doris Todd School logo
- Shorts: Royal mini-mesh shorts with Doris Todd School logo
- Shoes: Athletic shoes and socks

### **Grades 6-8**

- T-shirt: Ash gray with Maui Christian Academy logo
- Shorts: Dark Green nylon mini mesh with Maui Christian logo
- Shoes: Athletic shoes and socks

## **DRESS CODE VIOLATION**

The cooperation of STUDENTS, PARENTS, and TEACHERS is necessary to maintain the dress standard. It is very important that the dress standard is accepted fully and is enforced consistently. **Enforcing the dress standard is not the sole responsibility of the school. Parents are expected to cooperate with the school in monitoring their child's daily attire.**

Uniforms must be neat, clean, and worn correctly. A new uniform must be purchased if rips, holes, loose hems cannot be properly repaired or stains cannot be removed. Uniforms must be zipped and buttoned properly around the waist. If uniforms become too small or short, new ones must be purchased. Uniform waistbands may not be turned down.

If, in the opinion of the administration, the attire is immodest or inappropriate, corrective action will be taken. The administration has the discretion to not allow anything relating to dress or appearance of a student not specifically mentioned in this policy and considered inconsistent with school policy.

**Failure to observe dress code requirements will result in one or more of the following:**

- Student may be retained in the office until appropriate clothing arrives at school.
- Student may be required to change into school supplied temporary clothing.
- Student may lose one or more “Casual Dress Days”
- Student may be sent home; any classes missed will count as an unexcused absence or tardy.

Parents will be notified in writing of ALL Dress Code violations.

**FIELD TRIPS**

School uniforms shall be worn unless the child’s teacher indicates otherwise. For field trips or other special days, the dress code may include PE shirts, Fun Walk shirts, and PE shorts. The uniforms should be clean, not stained and be a good representation for DTMCS.

**ATHLETIC EVENTS**

PE uniforms shall be worn unless the team has a special shirt with the school name printed on it.

**HAIR**

**BOYS** must wear their hair in a short, neatly cut style. Hair must be off the top of the collar, cut short around the ears, and only to the middle of the forehead.

Boys are not permitted to wear styles with tails or spikes, stripes cut into the hair, color streaking, dying, or other unusual haircuts.

**GIRLS** may wear their hair as long as they want. There will be no dying of the hair, unusual hairstyles or controversial styles. Questions on hairstyle, coloring and cuts will be referred to the principal for decision.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM**

Students **must** have the regulation uniform to participate in physical education class: T-shirt with school logo, uniform P.E. shorts, athletic shoes and socks. No substitutions will be allowed.

**FIELD TRIPS**

Students may wear the school uniform or P.E. uniform unless otherwise designated by the teacher.

**SCHOOL OUTINGS & SPECIAL DAYS**

If shorts are worn, they must be fingertip length. No bicycle shorts. Shirts or tops should reflect a good testimony. Cut-off T-shirts or any clothing that exposes the midriff are unacceptable.

**SWIMMING**

**Modest bathing suits** are required for swim days. Girls must wear one-piece suits without cutouts or openings at the midriff or back and modest leg openings—no French-cut legs or backs cut below the waist). Girls without modest swimwear will not be able to participate in swimming.