## Dress Code

It is Screven Christian Academy's belief that developing Christian character includes being disciplined in the area of personal appearance and dress. We believe that the dress of a student has a direct influence on, and relationship to, his/her attitude and conduct. A Christ-like spirit of appropriateness and modesty must reflect the highest standards of our school environment. If necessary, a parent will be required to bring appropriate clothing for the student. Parental support of these standards is expected both at school and at school-related events. Students should be in appropriate dress code upon their arrival at school. Clothing, hairstyles and accessories should not be disruptive, immodest or compromise student safety.

## <u>Students in Grades Kindergarten – 5</u> dress code guidelines:

T-Shirts/Sweatshirts/Sweaters – Students are allowed to wear Screven Christian Academy, college insignia, Christian emphasis, and other appropriate T-shirts. Shirts with offensive or suggestive language or logos are not permitted.

Shorts/Skirts – Shorts and skirts will be hemmed (not cut off or unraveled). Shorts or skirts must be an appropriate length to completely cover the student, including when bending over, raising arms, or sitting.

Dresses/Skirts/Tops – Dresses should cover the chest, back, and shoulders. Dresses of sheer fabric and/or low necklines are not allowed. Mini-skirts, sheer or halter tops, strapless tops, low necklines, or tops that bare any part of the midriff are not permitted. Shirts must cover chest, back, and midriff at all times, including when seated, kneeling, and raising arms. Shirts of sheer fabric and/or low necklines are unacceptable.

Pants – Dress slacks, jeans, and capri pants may be worn. Pants should not be too tight or revealing.

Hats/Caps/Visors – Students may not wear hats during the school day, unless approved by the school.

Students in Grades 6 -12 dress code guidelines:

## THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT APPROPRIATE.

The general rule for dress and grooming is that students should dress as young ladies and young gentlemen, and that students are expected to observe proper health habits and standards of decency concerning their physical appearance. Screven Christian Academy's goal is to set a standard of excellence in all areas of school life.

Tops–Tops must have at least a 2-inch (tank top) sleeve and must be of a fabric and cut that covers the shoulders, back, and chest (revealing no cleavage). No spaghetti strap tank tops. Shirts must not allow undergarments to be seen and must not expose any portion of the waist, hips, or midriff when a student goes through the normal activities of a school day (i.e., bending, stretching, reaching, etc.)

T-Shirts/Sweatshirts/Sweaters – Students are allowed to wear Screven Christian Academy, college insignia, Christian emphasis, and other appropriate sweatshirts. Shirts worn under sweatshirts or sweaters must be within guidelines stated for shirts.

Jewelry – Ring and studded jewelry of the nose, eyebrows, tongue, etc. may not be worn at school. Earrings on boys are unacceptable.

Shorts – Shorts should be loose fitting. Shorts will be hemmed (not cut off or unraveled). The length of shorts should at least reach the student's fingertips when the student's arms rest naturally at his or her side.

Shoes – Casual, dress, tennis shoes, flip flops and leather sandals are appropriate. ONLY tennis shoes will be allowed on the basketball court.

Dresses/Skirts – Dresses and skirts will be hemmed (not cut off or unraveled) and will be NO shorter than four inches above the knee cap. Dresses will follow the same guidelines as those for girls' shirts and should not be form fitting.

Pants – Dress slacks, jeans, or capri pants may be worn with no holes above the knee. Pants must be appropriately hemmed, must be worn at the waistline, and must not drag on the floor. Extremely fitted pants, leggings, jeggings or yoga pants worn as pants may be worn only if the upper garment meets approved standards for dresses/skirts 4" above the knee. No t-shirts will be worn with leggings.

Caps/Hats/Visors/Hoodies - Students will not wear these during the school day.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Any determination regarding a conflict with the dress code will be made by the administration. Any student who violates the dress code in such a way that it cannot be corrected may not be allowed to attend class until proper school attire has been brought to the student. Parents will be called to bring acceptable clothing to their students. Modest dress code compliance will be expected at school-related functions. Those who choose not to comply may be denied admittance, asked to leave the event, or written up as a discipline referral. The administration reserves the right to rule on any "fad" during the school year.