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Dress Code

We are God's children, set apart for His special purposes. The impression we give to the rest of the world is important. The Dress Code at Divine Redeemer is designed to help our students make a statement to others about the Christian character of our school and reduce the distractions that get in the way of learning. Just as some types of dress are proper for church and others are reserved for play, so certain clothes are appropriate for school and others are not. The six principles of the dress code are easily understood and enforceable. These six principles and the specific examples listed are intended to help students make appropriate decisions regarding dress. What students wear to school must meet the principles of the dress code, regardless of whether it fits the examples. Students at Divine Redeemer will be expected to conform to the following principles while at school or at any school sponsored function.

PRINCIPLE #1 – Students should wear apparel and accessories that are inoffensive to our Christian standards.

- a. Shirts or other articles of clothing may not have phrases, sayings, quotations or advertising slogans depicting anything offensive. This would include any clothing that pictures or suggests any connection to violence, race, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, swearing, cursing, vulgarity, certain cartoons or musical groups. (for example, Star Wars or wrestling shirts)
- b. Other than girls' ears, body piercing is not allowed.

PRINCIPLE #2 – Students should dress appropriately for school.

- a. All clothing must be neat and clean and must not detract from the Christian atmosphere of the school.
- b. Jeans are allowed, but they may not be frayed, overly faded, or have holes in them.
- c. Students may not wear athletic uniforms or parts of athletic uniforms. We are referring here to articles of clothing that are actually intended to be worn during an athletic contest. We are not referring to shirts that have team names such as Packers, Brewers, Rangers, etc.
- d. Students may not wear military clothing.
- e. Sweatsuits and sweatpants are no longer allowed.
- f. Students may not wear over-sized clothing. This includes both shirts and pants that are designed to look large and baggy.
- g. Students may not wear hats in the school building.

PRINCIPLE # 3 – Students should dress with modesty and restraint.

- a. Any clothing designed as underwear may not be worn as outerwear. This would include plain white undershirts.

- b. Students may not wear halter tops, tank tops, sleeveless tops or any clothing that reveals any part of the midriff.
- c. Students may not wear any outer clothing that is skin tight. Girls may wear leggings or yoga pants, but only beneath a mid thigh or longer top, skirt, or dress.
- d. Girls' dresses and skirts must be approximately knee length or longer, no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- e. Although make-up is discouraged, 7th and 8th grade girls may wear modest amounts of make-up with parental permission, but they may not put make-up on at school. Girls at other grade levels are not allowed to wear make-up.
- f. Girls may wear fingernail polish, as long as it is modest and tasteful in color and style. Fingernail polish may not be put on or taken off at school.

PRINCIPLE #4 – Hairstyles should reflect moderation and careful grooming.

PRINCIPLE #5 – Shoes must be worn at all times; State of Wisconsin Law requires this.

- a. Students must wear shoes and socks at all times. Shoes must have a closed heel. Clogs, crocs, sandals, heelys, and flip-flop type footwear are not acceptable. Shoes that are designed to have shoelaces must be worn with laces, and the laces must be laced and tied.

PRINCIPLE #6 – During the first and fourth quarter students may wear shorts, capris, crop pants and skorts.

- a. Shorts must be neat, clean, and should reach mid-thigh. Shorts that are not allowed include spandex shorts, lycra shorts, boxer shorts, and frayed cut-offs.

For winter outdoor play, when snow is on the ground:

- a. Students who want to play in the snow must wear boots and snow pants over their regular school clothing. Students without boots or snow pants will be restricted to the cleared asphalt areas. Boots worn for outside play may not be worn throughout the day in the classroom.