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## Cornerstone Dress Code Policy

One dimension of the learning process at Cornerstone includes a correct understanding and practical application of the Biblical principles in the choice of clothing and personal appearance. The Bible provides us with seven broad principles that are designed to serve as guidelines in the choice of a Christian's overall appearance. These principles include:

1. Attractiveness
2. Modesty
3. Cleanliness
4. Simplicity
5. Neatness
6. Healthfulness

Research studies have made a clear correlation between the way a person dresses and their behavior in a learning environment. We feel that education is a professional matter. Our purpose in establishing a dress code for students, as well as our teachers, is twofold:

1. To create a professional atmosphere designed to foster harmony and educational maturation
2. To emphasize Biblical standards

### **The following are Cornerstone's dress code guidelines:**

1. Clothing should be neat and clean and should cover the body from the shoulders to mid-thigh.
  - a. Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses must be an appropriate length. Wearing leggings under these items does not negate the length requirement, and leggings are not to be worn as pants without a covering.
  - b. No exposed midriffs—bottom of shirt must meet top of lower attire at all times.
  - c. No "spaghetti strap" shirts, halter tops, or bare-back shirts allowed unless covered by a sweater or overshirt at all times. Straps should be a minimum of two inches wide to remain uncovered.
  - d. Visible cleavage is prohibited.
  - e. No undergarments should be visible at any time (pay attention to length of clothing when sitting). Muscle shirts are considered undergarments and must have a shirt over them.
2. No inappropriate or suggestive wording on clothing.
3. Clothing with advertising for alcohol and tobacco is prohibited.
4. No knives, guns, or incendiary devices.

Students who violate the dress code will receive:

- 1st offense: Verbal reminder and call to the parent (helps students to be aware of dress).
- 2nd offense: Parents will be called to bring a change of clothing.
- 3rd offense: Child will meet with parents and the board.