

Dayspring Dress Policy

Introduction People tend to behave according to the way they are dressed. Student dress and deportment must reflect a biblical standard of modesty and excellence. At school, a student's job is learning; that is the business of school. Adhering to the dress policy is an important part of the educational process.

Purpose for a Dress Policy The dress policy at Dayspring Christian Academy establishes appropriate attire standards for the business in which our students are engaged while at school: education. Using the policy also accomplishes important objectives that allow for personal growth and development:

- Establish a distinctive identity for our school and its students
- Establish tradition and communicate a positive message about the school
- Help students learn to submit to authority (both parents and teachers, as both support the policy)
- Ensure that students can easily apply a biblical standard of modesty
- Eliminate competition in the area of dress and avoid promoting social status
- Avoid sloppiness in dress
- Avoid drawing attention to oneself based on appearance

Goals for the Dress Policy As an educational institution, Dayspring can take advantage of teachable moments throughout the day. In our society, there is a tendency, even an inclination, toward lower standards of behavior that can be exaggerated by choices in attire. Dayspring sees opportunity to use the dress policy to provide regular, teachable moments with students about an issue that matters to them: their clothes. Working with parents, it is our goal to...

1. see students take godly pride in their appearance (Colossians 3:17);
2. instruct students in learning how to "dress for the occasion" (Ephesians 6:11-17);
3. encourage the development of internal character rather than external appearance (1 Samuel 16:7); and
4. help students understand submission to authority (Romans 13:1,2).

Parents and the Dress Policy Dayspring partners with parents in the educational process. You, as parents, are responsible to educate your children, and you selected Dayspring to assist you in this process. For the partnership to succeed, both parents and school have to work together. Dayspring recognizes that parents are the God-given authority in the lives of their children and that parental direction exceeds the reach of the school. When you agreed to send your child(ren) to Dayspring Christian Academy, you also agreed to abide by the policies and procedures put forth by the school. Therefore, you are the primary enforcers/administrators of the dress policy. Please do not let your children attend school in violation of the policy with the idea that the school will make child(ren) comply. The school should serve only to interpret the policy to parents and students, and to offer reminders, as needed.

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General Guidelines

Please use the following guidelines that apply to all students when selecting clothes for school.

Important: The following standards apply to both normal uniform days and all special dress days.

- Students who wear pants or shorts must wear a belt (see accompanying Dress Policy pages for further guidelines).
 - All clothing must be clean, neat, and in good repair; holes and frays are not permitted (including jeans).
 - Students must wear clothes that fit properly; clothes may be neither too small nor too large.
 - Shirts must be tucked in into pants or skirts.
 - Clothes worn under the Dress Policy shirt must be plain, white (middle and high school), gray (middle school only), or navy (high school only) shirts, such as turtlenecks or long-sleeved t-shirts, with no printing or pictures.
 - Piercings are not permitted for boys and may not be covered by Band-Aids. Girls may have only their ears pierced. (Other visible piercings and gauges are not permitted)
 - Students may not display tattoos.
 - Girls' skirt length may not be shorter than the top of the kneecap. Girls' skirts must rest at the top of the kneecap.
 - Students must follow the Dress Policy while on school property during regular school hours.
 - Students' hairstyles and color must be moderate and not distracting, reflecting a biblical standard of modesty.
 - Drastic changes from the student's normal color, such as bleach, will not be permitted. Changes to a student's hair color must be a natural hair color. Pink or purple, for example, are not permitted.
 - If hair color is in question, the administration will make a decision concerning needed changes.
 - Hair must be neat, clean, and combed so as not to obstruct the student's view
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Upper School Dress Policy Violations

If an Upper School student violates the uniform policy, the following steps will be taken:

Improper Dress Policy Violation

1. Parents will be notified immediately and asked to bring the proper dress policy item to school. If the parent cannot bring in the needed dress policy item, the notification will be considered a warning.
2. In the event of another infraction, the parent will be notified by e-mail of a repeated violation and the student will be placed on in-school suspension. If the parent can bring in the needed dress policy item the violation will be considered a warning.
3. If there is a third infraction, the parent will be notified by e-mail of a repeated violation and the student will be placed on in-school suspension.
4. If violations continue, a school administrator will meet with both the parents and the student.

Improper Application of the Dress Policy

1. Student will be asked to make the appropriate change.
 2. A dress policy violation slip will be noted in the student's file.
 3. Parents will be e-mailed with the details of the violation to follow up at home.
 4. If violations continue, a school administrator will meet with both the parents and the student.
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Lower School Dress Policy Violations Lower School students are less aware of the dress policy than their Upper School counterparts. Parents take the greater responsibility in making sure that students are wearing the correct items to school. Therefore, gentle reminders to tuck in shirts, etc., will serve to instruct students in these formative years. If an elementary student is improperly dressed for school, the parent will be notified by e-mail to make the appropriate change for the next day.

Physical Education Attire

Attire for all grades must consist of the following:

- Navy or black shorts that reach the middle of the thigh.
- Sneakers or as specified by the teacher
- White, navy blue, or black athletic socks
- Students in 6th-12th grades, red, white, blue, or gray Dayspring t-shirt purchased from the Athletic Office or Spirit Store.
- Students in 2nd -5th grades, t-shirts in solid white or solid navy (no logo required). Shirts from the Spirit Store are permitted but not required.
- Sweatshirt and/or sweatpants (optional for warmth) purchased at the Dayspring website **or** plain, navy or black sweatshirt or sweatpants.

Important: On physical education days, students in grades 2-5 may come to school in their physical education attire.

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Lower School Dress Policy Please use the following tables to determine what your female student may wear to school.

Notes: For additional warmth, students may wear inconspicuous articles of plain white clothing, such as a turtleneck or long-sleeved t-shirt, under their dress policy shirts; no colors, prints, or designs. Undergarments must not be visible through the uniform shirt.

Shop for uniform-style pants in the school uniform section of most department stores or through DCA's uniform providers. Low-rise, skinny, form-fitting, and cargo pants are not permitted, nor are pants with patch pockets.

Grade	Skirts, Pants, or Jumpers	Tops (all with logo)	Sweaters (all with logo)	Hosiery	Shoes
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Navy or khaki jumper with logo (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) ▪ Navy or khaki uniform-style pants, capris (below the knee) or shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White, light blue or red knit polo shirt ▪ Red or white mock turtleneck ▪ Red or white turtleneck ▪ Light blue or white Peter Pan collar blouse 	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck, vest or sweater	Tights or socks in white, navy blue, or black	Shoes, sneakers, or boots. No sandals, flip flops, slippers, or Heelys.
Boys	Navy or khaki uniform-style pants or shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White, light blue or red knit polo shirt ▪ Red, white, or blue mock turtleneck ▪ Red, white, or blue turtleneck 	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck vest or sweater	Socks in white, navy blue, brown, or black	Shoes, sneakers, or boots. No sandals, flip flops, slippers, or Heelys.

Upper School Uniform Changes for 2020-21

For the coming school year, Dayspring Upper School students will be given some new flexibility in their dress standards. Our school week will be divided into Business Casual days and Professional dress days.

In general, on most days, students will dress in Business Casual attire. Middle School students will wear navy pants or skirts and gray polo shirts with the Dayspring logo. High School students will wear khaki pants or skirts and navy polo shirts with the Dayspring logo. On Wednesdays, students will wear their Professional attire. Business Casual attire is worn on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Professional attire is worn on Wednesdays, to coincide with chapel. Occasionally, students will be asked to wear specific attire for a special event, such as Grandparents Day. Parents and students will be notified at least one week in advance through school announcements and *The Beacon*.

Grandfather phase: For the 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 school years, any previously purchased logoed oxford may be worn on any day of the week. Polos do not need to be purchased for the first year, but no new oxford shirts, beyond what is needed for business professional days, need be purchased.

Additional, for 2020-2021 school year only, middle school students may wear previously-purchased khaki pants or skirts, and high school students may wear previously-purchased navy pants or skirts.

Upper School Dress Policy for Girls

Please use the following tables to determine what your Upper School student may wear to school.

Upper School students must wear a plain black or brown belt with pants.

Note: For additional warmth, students may wear inconspicuous articles of plain white (middle and high school), gray (middle school only), or navy (high school only) shirts, such as turtlenecks or long-sleeved t-shirts, with no printing or pictures.

Shop for uniform-style pants in the school uniform section of most department stores or through DCA’s uniform providers. Low-rise, skinny, form-fitting, and cargo pants are not permitted, nor are pants with patch pockets.

Grade	Skirts or Pants	Tops (all with logo)	Sweaters (all with logo)	Hosiery	Shoes
6-8 Business Casual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) Navy uniform-style pants 	Gray polo shirt, tucked in. All buttons, except the top, must be buttoned.	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip)	Tights or socks in solid white, navy blue, or black; nylons in flesh-tone, solid white, navy blue, or black.	Shoes, sneakers, or boots. All shoes must have a non-skid sole, and enclosed heel and toe. No sandals or flip flops.
6-8 Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) Shin-length chino skirt in navy 	French blue button down oxford shirt	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Tights or socks in solid white, navy blue, or black; nylons in flesh-tone, solid white, navy blue, or black.	Simple, one-tone, dark leather, dress shoe with non-skid sole; enclosed heel and toe. Laces must match the tone of the shoe.
9-12 Business Casual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) Khaki uniform-style pants 	Navy polo shirt, tucked in. All buttons, except the top, must be buttoned.	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip)	Tights or socks in solid white, navy blue, or black; nylons in flesh-tone, solid white, navy blue, or black.	Leather or faux leather dress shoe, mostly solid in dark color (with no shiny or metallic designs), with closed toe and heel.
9-12 Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) Shin-length chino skirt in khaki 	French blue button down oxford shirt	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Tights or socks in solid white, navy blue, or black; nylons in flesh-tone, solid white, navy blue, or black.	Not permitted: any kind of casual footwear such as sneakers, boots, or any type of canvas shoe (such as TOMS), sandals, flip-flops, moccasins, work boots, etc.

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Boys**

Please use the following tables to determine what your male student may wear to school.

Upper School students must wear a plain black or brown belt with pants.

Note: For additional warmth, students may wear inconspicuous articles of plain white (middle and high school), gray (middle school only), or navy (high school only) shirts, such as turtlenecks or long-sleeved t-shirts, with no printing or pictures.

Shop for uniform-style pants in the school uniform section of most department stores or through DCA’s uniform providers. . Low-rise, skinny, form-fitting, and cargo pants are not permitted, nor are pants with patch pockets.

Grade	Pants	Tops (all with logo)	Sweaters (all with logo)	Hosiery	Shoes
6-8 Business Casual	Navy uniform-style pants	Gray polo shirt, tucked in. All buttons, except the top, must be buttoned.	Solid navy blue or red v-neck or crew-neck vest or sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip)	Socks in solid navy, black, or brown	Shoes, sneakers, or boots. All shoes must have a non-skid sole, and enclosed heel and toe. No sandals or flip flops.
6-8 Professional	Navy uniform-style pants	French blue button down oxford shirt	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Socks in solid navy, black, or brown	Shoes, sneakers, or boots. All shoes must have a non-skid sole, and enclosed heel and toe. No sandals or flip flops.
9-12 Business Casual	Khaki uniform-style pants	Navy polo shirt, tucked in. All buttons, except the top, must be buttoned.	Solid navy blue or red v-neck or crew-neck vest or sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Socks in solid navy, black, or brown	Leather or faux leather dress shoe, mostly solid in dark color (with no shiny or metallic designs), with closed toe and heel.
9-12 Professional	Khaki uniform-style pants	French blue button down oxford shirt with red/navy striped tie (from uniform provider)	Solid navy blue or red cardigan, v-neck or crew-neck sweater; navy or red fleece (half or full-zip) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Socks in solid navy, black, or brown.	Not permitted: any kind of casual footwear such as sneakers, boots, or any type of canvas shoe (such as TOMS), sandals, flip-flops, moccasins, work boots, etc.

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Upper School Special Dress Day Standards Dayspring students have regular opportunities to dress for school in items other than the typical uniform. Please use the following standards to determine how to dress for special dress days.

Special Dress Day	What To Wear	What NOT To Wear
Early dismissal, Upper School retreat, Serve for Ed Blessing Day, Picture Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clean, neat clothes in good repair; no holes or frays (including jeans); skirts must reach the top of the kneecap ▪ Jeans, pants, or loose-fitting track or athletic style pants ▪ Shorts that are no shorter than a few inches above the knee. (For the retreat and Blessing Day, shorts must reach mid-thigh.) ▪ Modest clothes that follow a biblical standard. ▪ Shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short skirts or shorts that rise more than a few inches above the knee ▪ Sleeveless shirts or tank tops ▪ Flip-flops or slippers ▪ Shirts that display objectionable material ▪ Sweatpants, right-fitting track (or athletic style) pants, yoga pants.
Athletic Game Days (Upper School students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soccer: Game jersey or warmup shirt in place of the regular uniform shirt, tucked in. ▪ Basketball, volleyball, or track: game jersey worn over a sleeved undershirt, tucked in. ▪ Pants or skirt as identified in the uniform policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shorts
Dress-up Days (Upper School students)	Dress according to the guidelines sent home in the Beacon. (example: Christmas party dress information is sent home in a December Beacon)	

Enforcement of these standards will follow the same policy listed under the **Parents and the Dress policy** section of this policy.