

Uniform 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.

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. ▪ The school-provided Dayspring lanyard with the badgeholder and keycard is part of the uniform for Upper School students and must be worn on the outermost layer of their DCA approved uniform/outerwear and be visible at all times during the school day. Students who wear pants with belt loops must wear a plain black or brown belt. ▪ All clothing must be clean, neat, and in good repair; holes and frays are not permitted (including jeans). ▪ Sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Uggs, Jellies, and similar footwear are prohibited. (Girls - see Upper School Dress Policy for girls for further clarification on permissible dress shoes to wear.) ▪ Students must wear clothes that fit properly; clothes may be neither too small nor too large. ▪ Students may not wear leggings to school (unless wearing under a uniform skirt following Upper School Dress Policy for girls for a regular school day). ▪ Clothes worn under the Dress Policy shirt must be plain white/black (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) ▪ Girls' skirt length may not be shorter than 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
Upper School Dress Policy Violations	If an Upper School student violates the uniform policy, the following steps will be taken: <u>Dress Policy Violation</u> 1. The teacher will address the student about the violation. 2. The violation will be documented for the involved student. 3. For repeated violations, students may face consequences (i.e., lunch detention) at school. Parents will be notified by the principal and may be asked to bring the proper dress policy item to the school if necessary. The student may need to wait in the office until the proper item is brought to school. 4. If violations continue, a school administrator may meet with both the parents and the student.

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: ▪ Upper School uniform shorts and t-shirt purchased through the Athletic Department. ▪ Sneakers or as specified by the teacher ▪ White, navy blue, or black athletic socks ▪ 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.
----------------------------------	---

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 clothing, such as a turtleneck or long-sleeved t-shirt, under their dress policy shirts; no 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 PreK–5	▪ 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	▪ 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 PreK–5	Navy or khaki uniform-style pants or shorts	▪ 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	Dayspring Upper School students are given some flexibility in their dress standards. Our school week is 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 Mondays, students will wear their Professional attire. Business Casual attire is worn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Professional attire is worn on Mondays 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 <i>The Beacon</i>.
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. Students should not wear low-rise, skinny, form-fitting, or cargo pants nor are pants with patch pockets.

Grade	Skirts or Pants	Tops (all with logo)	Sweaters (all with logo)	Hosiery	Shoes
6-8 Business Casual	- Navy skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) - Navy uniform-style pants	Gray polo shirt. 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)	Socks in solid white, navy blue, or black. Leggings (do not cover the feet) or tights/nylons (cover the feet) are allowed under a skirt for warmth. Leggings must be solid black, navy blue, white, or gray. Tights must be solid black, navy blue, gray or flesh-toned.	Shoes, sneakers, or boots. All shoes must have enclosed heel and toe. Sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, work boots, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Jellies, and similar footwear are prohibited.

6-8 Professional	▪ 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. 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) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Same as Business Casual	Same as Business Casual
9-12 Business Casual	▪ Khaki skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) ▪ Khaki uniform-style pants	Navy polo shirt. 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)	Socks in solid white, navy blue, or black. Leggings (do not cover the feet) or tights/nylons (cover the feet) are allowed under a skirt for warmth. Leggings must be solid black, navy blue, white, or gray. Tights must be solid black, navy blue, gray or flesh-toned.	Leather or faux leather dress shoe, mostly solid and neutral in color, with enclosed toe and heel. Colors allowed: black, brown, tan, beige, or gray. (No other colors permitted) Not permitted: any kind of casual footwear such as sneakers or any type of canvas shoe (such as “Hey Dudes”), sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, work boots, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Uggs, Jellies, and similar footwear are prohibited.
9-12 Professional	▪ Khaki skirt or skort (length not shorter than the top of the knee cap) ▪ Shin-length chino skirt in khaki ▪ Navy blue blazer (logo not required) or sweater vest (logo required) may be worn with khaki pants as alternative to skirt	French blue button down oxford shirt. 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) Optional navy blue blazer (logo not required).	Socks in solid white, navy blue, or black. Leggings (do not cover the feet) or tights/nylons (cover the feet) are allowed under a skirt for warmth. Leggings must be solid black, navy blue, white, or gray. Tights must be solid black, navy blue, gray or flesh-toned.	Same as Business Casual

**Upper School
Dress Policy
for 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 enclosed heel and toe. Sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, work boots, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, and similar footwear are prohibited.
6-8 Professional	Navy uniform-style pants	French blue button down oxford 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) Optional navy blue blazer (does not require logo).	Socks in solid navy, black, or brown	Same as Business Casual
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 and neutral in color, with closed toe and heel. Colors allowed: black, brown, tan, beige, or gray. (No other colors permitted)

9-12 Professional	Khaki uniform-style pants	French blue button down oxford shirt, tucked in, with a tie that is complementary to the uniform.	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 or any type of canvas shoe (such as “Hey Dudes”), sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, work boots, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Uggs, and similar footwear are prohibited.
----------------------	---------------------------	---	---	---------------------------------------	---

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. Please note that administration may adjust any of these guidelines at any time. Changes will be announced in advance.

Special Dress Day	What To Wear	What NOT To Wear
Early dismissal, Upper School Retreat, Serve for Education Blessing Day (Upper School), Picture Day, Flex Friday	▪ 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. ▪ Modest clothes that follow a biblical standard. ▪ Shoes ▪ Lanyard, badgeholder, keycard as previously described.	▪ Skirts that are shorter than the top of the kneecap nor shorts that are shorter than a few inches above the knee. ▪ Sleeveless shirts or tank tops ▪ Sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Uggs (must have enclosed toe, heel, and sides), similar footwear ▪ Shirts that display objectionable material ▪ Tight-fitting track (or athletic style) pants, yoga pants, any type of leggings
Athletic Game Days (Upper School students)	▪ Soccer: Game jersey (MS or HS) or athletic office-issued warmup shirt (HS only) in place of the regular uniform shirt, tucked in (for boys). ▪ Basketball, volleyball, or track: game jersey worn over a sleeved undershirt, tucked in, or athletic office-issued warmup shirt (HS only) in place of the regular uniform shirt, tucked in (for boys). ▪ Pants or skirt as identified in the uniform policy ▪ Lanyard, badgeholder, keycard as previously described.	▪ Shorts ▪ Any other warmup jacket, shirt, sweater, hoodie, quarter-zip, etc. issued by an athletic team - regular school uniform outerwear can be worn for additional warmth ▪ Sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Uggs (must have enclosed toe, heel, and sides), similar footwear ▪ Game jersey/athletic office-issued warmup shirt on chapel days - regular business professional attire outlined in the Upper School Dress Policy for Girls and Boys must be worn even if a game day falls on a chapel day
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.

DCA Approved Uniform Outerwear

***No other sweater, jacket, athletic warmups, or outerwear permitted.**



School Uniform Full-Zip Mid-Weight Fleece Jacket



School Uniform Lightweight Fleece Quarter Zip Pullover



School Uniform Legacy V-neck Sweater



School Uniform Hopsack Blazer



School Uniform Insulated Jacket



School Uniform Boys Cotton Modal Fine Gauge V-neck Sweater

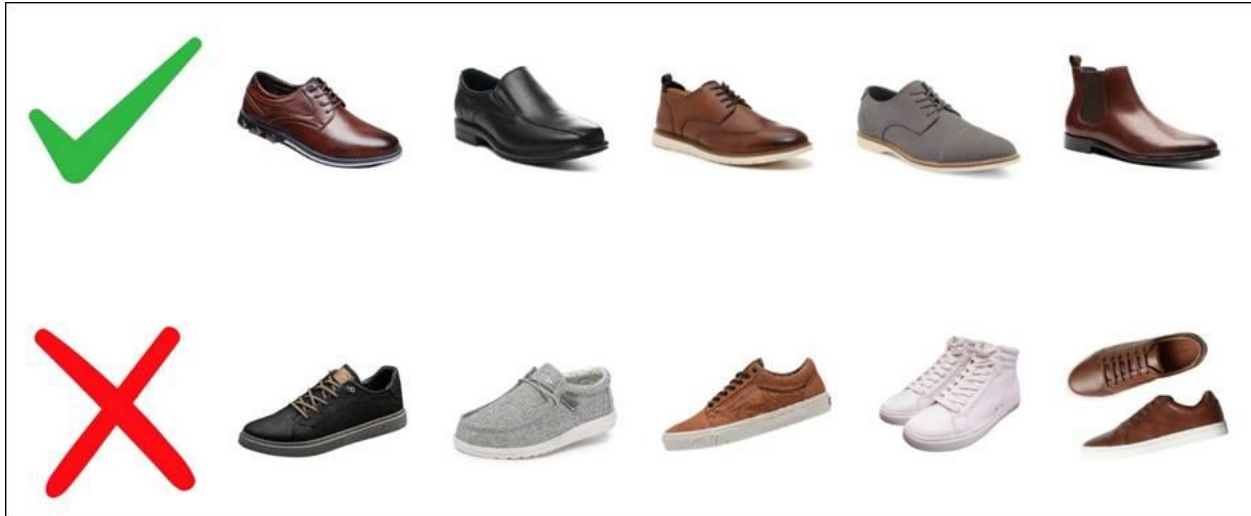


On Athletic Game Days (excluding chapel days), HS student-athletes may wear the Represent Jesus Well long-sleeve shirt with below logos. MS and HS student-athletes may wear their game jersey as outlined in the Uniform Policy Upper School Special Dress Day Standards section.



DCA Approved Shoes for HS Students – Non-Special Dress Days

Boys Shoes Grades 9-12



Girls Shoes Grades 9-12



MS: Sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, work boots, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Jellies, and similar footwear are prohibited.

HS: Not permitted – any kind of casual footwear such as sneakers or any type of canvas shoe (such as “Hey Dudes”), sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs (in any mode), slippers, moccasins, work boots, backless shoes, open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, Heelys, Uggs, Jellies, and similar footwear are prohibited.