

Standardized Appearance Code Policy

Biblical Philosophy and Purpose

The purpose of the Standardized Appearance Code (SAC) is to help promote positive school identity and community, and to enable the administration, faculty, and students to give full attention to the learning task. It further seeks to encourage personal responsibility, training students to present themselves in neat, appropriate attire and to avoid using outward appearance to draw attention to the individual.

BGCA believes that the Bible mandates that Christians honor God in every area of life which includes behavior and appearance. While scripture does not prescribe proper dress, it does provide principles regarding modesty, appearance, thinking, and actions for Christians. BGCA affirms the biblical teaching that one's outward appearance is not a measure of individual spirituality and the SAC is not intended to promote legalism. BGCA expects parents and students to assume the greatest responsibility in complying with the SAC, demonstrating their understanding of the biblical directive to willingly submit to every properly constituted human authority and to do so "for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter 2:13).

The biblical principles which are the foundation for the BGCA Standardized Appearance Code are:

- Everything we do should bring honor and glory to God (1Cor. 10:31).
- God knows the state of our hearts; man judges by outward appearance (1Sam. 16:7).
- Our appearance should reflect modesty (1Tim. 2:9).
- We are to be examples in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity (1 Tim. 4:12).

General Appearance Guidelines

- Approved campus wear items must be purchased from the suppliers listed below with the exception of belts, socks, shoes, and outerwear.
- Students must be in compliance with the SAC prior to entering the school building and continue until leaving the campus for the school day. Students who participate in after-school activities must be modestly dressed... Clothing must be free of derogatory, offensive or inappropriate verbiage or design.
- Students are to be in compliance with the SAC for school field trips and when representing the school in an official capacity (i.e. ACSI events and competitions), unless directed by a school official. Proper dress for extracurricular activities, field trips, or special events will be announced in advance and will be determined by the teacher or coach in charge.
- Modesty in appearance is expected at all school events and functions, even when the SAC is not required.
- All clothing must be clean, in good repair, well-fitted, and unrevealing in cut, fit, or texture.
- The Administration has the authority to schedule "free dress" days.
- The Administration makes the final decision regarding issues of clothing and appearance.
- The Administration has the authority to make adjustments in the SAC dependent on weather conditions and/or other activities.

Specific Appearance Guidelines Boys/Girls

Shirts

Knit polo shirts must be tucked only on Chapel Days, assuming the shirt is an appropriate fit. Oxford and woven shirts must be tucked. All shirts must be completely buttoned except for the top button.

Footwear

Flip-flop sandals, athletic slides/sandals (pool or beach shoes), skate shoes or outdoor boots are not allowed. Between-the-toe sandals must have a backstrap. Clogs and Mules are approved footwear as well as "Crocs" or "Croc-like" shoes. Students must wear or bring athletic shoes on the days they have P.E. class.

Sweaters/Crewneck Sweatshirts

A collared shirt (polo, oxford, blouse, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck) must be worn under any style sweater, sweatshirt, approved logo pullover, or approved logo vest and the collar must be visible (if the student plans to remove the outer garment during the school day). If the student plans to keep the outer garment on for the entire school day, the student may wear a plain, solid color t-shirt under the outer garment. No hooded sweaters, vests, or sweatshirts are permitted except on "free dress" days.

Undergarments

Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. T-shirts worn under SAC tops must be a solid color, contain no writing, and be tucked in. Girls may wear leggings, tights, or panty hose under skirts, skorts, jumpers, or shorts; but they must be a solid color of navy, cream, white, black or brown. Knee socks, when worn with shorts, skorts, skirts, or jumpers must be of a solid color brown, navy, cream, white, or black

Pants and Shorts

Pants, Capri's and shorts may be worn at or just below the natural waistline, but "sagging" is not allowed.

Shorts/Skorts

Shorts and skorts must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee when kneeling.

Skirts/Jumpers

Skirt and jumper length must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee when kneeling. Since skirt lengths of approved styles vary, please check for correct fit. Bike shorts must be worn under skirts and jumpers.

Outerwear

Outerwear, with the exception of approved campus wear sweaters, logo vests, logo pullovers, and sweatshirts, may not be worn during the school day. Trench coats are not allowed as outerwear.

Headwear/Sunglasses

Caps, hats, bandanas, or any other type of headwear may not be worn in the building. Girls' headbands with no offensive lettering or pictures are allowed. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building.

Jewelry

Necklaces, neck chains, rings and wrist bracelets may be worn unless they present a distraction to the learning environment or depict ideas that oppose Christian values/standards.

Tattoos

No visible tattoos are allowed in any form, permanent or otherwise.

Body Piercing

Body piercing is not allowed. Girls may have no more than two pierced earrings per ear.

Hair

Hair should be clean, neatly combed and a normal, natural hair color. Girls' hairstyles should not hang in the eyes or otherwise cause a distraction to the learning environment. Boys' hairstyles should be worn above the bottom of the ear, above the collar, and above the eyebrows.

School Clubs and Teams

Any school club or team may wear its team or club dress uniform as SAC for a related event. Times and Dates will be determined by the teacher, coach or club sponsor.

8th Grade Crossover

This event is of a formal nature and as such requires appropriate dress. Casual clothes are not permitted. Boys are to wear a dress shirt and slacks; a tie is optional. Girls are to wear a church dress or dress slacks and top. Students should follow SAC guidelines regarding fit and modesty of style when choosing their attire for this event.

Physical Education Class

Socks and athletic shoes are required for all students during PE class. Students in grades 6-8 are to wear clean T- shirts and medium-length gym shorts to every PE class. Skirts are not allowed for PE classes.

Standardized Appearance Code Enforcement

The school administration has the authority to interpret and enforce the Standardized Appearance Code. Failing to comply with the SAC may result in immediate parent contact. The following actions will be taken in response to SAC violations:

1. Parents will be contacted and asked to bring the proper attire to school before student may return to class.
2. Student will forfeit next "Free Dress" day privileges.
3. Repeated offenses may negatively affect citizenship grade.
4. Persistent noncompliance with the SAC may result in suspension or expulsion.

Donation of outgrown approved wear

Parents are encouraged to donate approved clothing that their children outgrow to the school. Please make sure donated items are in good condition. There will be a designated place in the school where these items are kept and throughout the school year parents and students will be reminded of this "closet" so that they do not throw out clothing that no longer fits. This practice helps to strengthen the program, ensures that all students can participate, and teaches children the value of giving.

APPROVED WEAR

PROVIDER	www.landsend.com/school School Code: 900058124	Approved Colors	www.jcpenny.com	Approved Colors	www.frenchtoast.com School Code QS5QKEC	Approved Colors
Tops	<u>Girls and Boys</u> Short or Long-sleeve Mesh or Interlock Polo (Warrior Logo suggested, but optional)	white, evergreen, classic navy, chambray blue, burgundy, maize	<u>Girls and Boys</u> Izod Short-sleeve or Long-sleeve Piqué Polo	white, forest green, navy, light blue, burgundy	<u>Girls</u> SS or LS Pique Polo	Navy, White, Blue, Green, Burgundy
	Turtleneck or Mock Turtleneck	white, evergreen, burgundy, navy, maize	Izod Turtleneck	white, navy, light blue	SS or LS Interlock Polo	White, Blue
	Drifter Cardigan (button or zipper front), Vest, V-Neck or Crew Pullover	white, evergreen, classic navy, burgundy, maize	<u>Girls</u> SS or LS Peter Pan Blouse	white	LS Turtleneck	Navy or White
	<u>Girls</u> Fine Gauge Crew & Cardigan (plain or ruffle front) Cable Crew	evergreen, navy, maize	Izod Sweater Vest or Cardigan	white, navy	Fine Gauge Cardigan	Navy or White
	Short or Long-sleeve Knit Peter Pan Top	white, blue	<u>Boys</u> Mock Turtleneck	white, navy	Zippered Cardigan	Navy
	Woven Peter Pan Blouse LS, SS, & ¾ Sleeve Oxford ¾ Sleeve Knit Polo	white, blue	Long-sleeve Oxford	white, light blue	V-Neck Vest	Navy or Burgundy
	<u>Boys</u> Long-sleeve Easy Care Oxford	white, blue	Izod Sweater Vest	navy	SS or LS Button-down Oxford	Blue or White
					SS or LS Plain Peter Pan Collar Blouse	Blue or White
					<u>Boys</u> LS or SS Button down Oxford	Blue or White
					V-Neck Vest	Navy or Burgundy
				V-Neck Pullover Sweater	Navy	
				LS Turtleneck	Navy or White	
				SS or LS Interlock Polo	Blue or White	
				SS or LS Pique Polo	Blue, White, Navy, Green or Burgundy	

<p>Bottoms</p>	<p><u>Girls</u> Chinos: Cargo, Plain-front, Pleated, Stretch Flares, Elastic-waist or Crop Blended Chino or Cargo Shorts A-line, Stretch, Pleated Skirt or Pleated Cargo Skirt Chino, Cargo or Two-button Chino Skort Solid Jumper</p> <p><u>Boys</u> Chinos: Easy-care Pleated or Plain-front Cotton Pleated, Plain-front, or Cargo Chinos Easy-care Pleated or Cotton Cargo Shorts</p>	<p>khaki, classic navy</p>	<p><u>Girls</u> Izod Pleated or Flat-front Pant Izod Flat-front Capri's Pleated or Flat-front Short Izod Pleated or Flat-front Classic Skirt Izod Pleated Front Scooter Skirt Izod Jumper</p> <p><u>Boys</u> Izod Pleated Wrinkle-Free or Cotton Pants Izod Pleated Shorts</p>	<p>khaki, navy</p>	<p><u>Girls</u> Flat Front All Season Pant Pleated Pant Pleated Short Bermuda Short Twill Tab Short 3-Tab Button Front Skort Flare-Cut Wrap Skort Kick Pleat Skirt Kick pleat Scooter Skirt Twill Cargo Jumper V-Neck Pleated Jumper</p> <p><u>Boys</u> Double Knee Pant Pleated Double Knee Pant Sliding Elastic Waist Pant Adjustable Waistband Pant Twill Cargo Pant Pleated Short Flat-Front Short Cargo Short</p>	<p>khaki, navy</p>
<p>Other Items</p>	<p>Lands End</p>					
	<p>Youth BGCA Logo Crew Neck Sweatshirt</p> <p>Kid's Fleece Vest- No Hood (With Logo)</p> <p>Solid Micro fleece Half-zip Pullover – No Hood (With Logo)</p>	<p>Gray Heather, Burgundy, Evergreen, Classic Navy</p> <p>Navy,Burgandy,Evergreen</p> <p>Classic Navy, Burgundy, Evergreen</p>			<p>Some French Toast items may be found at Target Stores, especially in Nashville (i.e. Rivergate Mall), Lexington, and Louisville</p>	

CHAPEL DAY STANDARDIZED APPEARANCE CODE

Item	Colors	Required Styles	Notes
Top	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> white, evergreen burgundy 	Lands' End Warrior Logo Short or Long Sleeve Polo Optional: BGCA Logo Crewneck Sweatshirt or any approved sweater worn over polo shirt	Shirts must be tucked for Chapel Day
Bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> khaki navy 	Any approved pants, shorts, skirt, skort, Capri's, jumper	
Belts		Any belt that does not have offensive pictures or lettering will be approved	Required for Chapel Day
Shoes/socks		Any that comply with SAC	

DAILY STANDARDIZED APPEARANCE CODE

Item	Colors	Styles	Notes
Top	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any approved color 	Any choice from approved styles	Knit shirts do not have to be tucked
Bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> khaki navy 	Any approved pants, shorts, skirt, skort, Capri's, jumper	Bike shorts required under skirts. Pants must not drag on floor or sag
Shoes/socks		Any that comply with SAC	

FIELD TRIP STANDARADIZED APPEARANCE CODE

Item	Colors	Styles	Notes
Top	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> white evergreen burgundy 	Lands' End Warrior Logo Short or Long-sleeve Polo, Heart Day t-shirts Appropriate Field Trip Attire may be determined by the teacher	
Bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> khaki navy 	Any approved pants, shorts, skirt, skort, Capri's, jumper	Bike shorts required under skirts
Shoes/socks		Any that comply with SAC	

"FREE DRESS" DAY GUIDELINES

Item	Colors	Styles	Notes
Top	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any color 	T-shirts, sweatshirts (hooded and crewneck)	No midriff may be exposed when bending over. No tank tops or spaghetti strap tops. No offensive symbols or language
Bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any color 	Jeans (no holes, frays, patches), pants, shorts, skorts, Capri's, jumper	Must be within guidelines for fit (no sagging) and pants must be worn at proper position
Shoes/socks		Any that comply with SAC	