

Personal Appearance Code for Elementary Students

Grades Kindergarten through 5

School is a place of work for students. Clean, neat, and appropriate attire creates a quality of appearance and enhances the learning atmosphere and process. Dress reflects an attitude and DCA seeks to establish an atmosphere and attitude that reflect a Christian learning environment.

Parents are expected to play an active role in the enforcement of the personal appearance & uniform code. Questions about the appropriateness of particular clothing or personal appearance may be answered by school administration. Teachers and administrators reserve the right to determine what is appropriate attire or appearance for the educational setting. Physical appearances that detract from the learning environment will be addressed.

- **All DCA uniform pieces are to be purchased from EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTER NASHVILLE. Parker Uniforms are no longer permissible (except for those that may still have the white polo shirts, white oxfords, and khaki pants and shorts.** Also, new khaki pants and shorts may be purchased from any vendor. The type of khaki pants worn must follow the pant dress code requirements. The school administration may designate non-uniform days.
- Clothes should be worn properly and may not be dirty or ripped.
- Any t-shirt worn under the white uniform shirt must be white and with no visible graphics.
- Shirrtails must be tucked in at all times.
- All plaid skorts, jumpers, and kilts **MUST BE NO SHORTER THAN 3" ABOVE THE FRONT OF THE KNEE.** Kilts and jumpers must be worn with modesty shorts. Kilts, jumpers, and skorts must have hems. Absolutely no sweatpants or any slacks will be worn under the skirts, kilts, or skorts. Modesty shorts that are not longer than the jumper, kilt, or skirt are required.
- Tights (for girls) must be a solid black or white. Solid black ankle length leggings are also permitted.
- All pants and knee length shorts worn by boys and girls must be the khaki / tan uniform pants (specifically defined in the Uniform Dress Code).
- Non-DCA outerwear may be worn outside, but must be removed and placed in the student's classroom or locker when inside the building. DCA athletic outerwear jackets and Spirit Store outerwear are acceptable to wear indoors along with any solid black, white, grey, or royal blue jacket or sweater. Students must wear the correct uniform underneath.
- Clothes must be size-appropriate.
- Students must not wear hats, bandannas, scarves, or other headgear inside the building.
- Shoes must be clean and in good repair. No flip flops. Tennis shoes are required for all physical education classes.
- A belt must be worn with pants or shorts designed with belt loops. (Not applicable for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade)

Male-Specific

Conservative haircuts for boys are expected. For example, haircuts that are unusually shaved or spiked are not allowed. Hair **MUST** be shorter than the top of the collar and out of the eyes. Tails and/or ponytails, buns, unnatural coloring, and pointed mohawks will not be allowed.

Female-Specific

Traditional haircuts for girls are expected. Hair should be well kept and groomed and worn out of the eyes. Unnatural coloring or hairstyles that call attention to a girl's appearance are not allowed.

Boys and Girls must wear only solid white undergarments (no other colors and no visible graphics) under any white shirt.

Uniform Dress Code Grades PreSchool through 5

PreSchool and PreKindergarten

Top Attire Boys and Girls (with DCA logo and purchased from Educational Outfitters)

Polo Shirts – (If wearing a long sleeve shirt under a short-sleeve polo, it must be the same color as the polo shirt and with no visible graphics)

- White cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Royal cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Black cotton and/or Dri-Fit

Bottom Attire Boys and Girls

No specific brand requirements for pants or shorts. May be purchased from any vendor and be of any color.

Tennis shoes are strongly encouraged for this age.

Grades Kindergarten through 5

GIRLS

Bottom Attire for Girls (Purchased from Educational Outfitters Except Khaki Pants)

- DCA plaid jumper (Grades K-2) – **No shorter than 3" above the front of the knee and must be worn with modesty shorts.**
- DCA plaid skort (Grades K-5) – **No shorter than 3" above the front of the knee.**
- Khaki/tan pants and Khaki/tan knee length shorts from any vendor. **Khaki color will be considered tan just as the uniform pants the students have been wearing from Parker School Uniforms, the former uniform company.** The below are the styles and colors of khaki/tan pants and shorts that will NOT be allowed to wear at DCA:
 1. No denim khaki pants or shorts

2. No skinny leg pants or shorts
3. No banded or elastic ankle pants
4. No cargo pants or shorts
5. No green, gray, brown khaki color pants or shorts

Top Attire for Girls (with DCA logo and purchased from Educational Outfitters)

Polo Shirts – Long and short sleeve (If wearing a long sleeve shirt under short-sleeve polo, it must be the same color as the polo shirt and with no visible graphics)

- White cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Royal cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Black cotton and/or Dri-Fit

Oxford Shirts

- White (only option is long sleeve)

Outerwear

Non-DCA outerwear may be worn outside, but must be removed and placed in the student's classroom or locker when inside the building. DCA athletic outerwear jackets and Spirit Store outerwear are acceptable to wear indoors along with any solid black, white, grey, or royal blue jacket or sweater. Students must wear the correct uniform underneath.

Optional

- Sweater Vest - Black
- Cardigan - Black

BOYS

Bottom Attire for Boys

Khaki/tan pants and Khaki/tan knee length shorts from any vendor. **Khaki color will be considered tan.** The below are the styles and colors of **khaki/tan** pants and shorts that will NOT be allowed for the boys to wear at DCA:

1. No denim khaki pants or shorts
2. No skinny leg pants or shorts
3. No banded or elastic ankle pants
4. No cargo pants or shorts
5. No green, gray, brown khaki color pants or shorts

Top Attire for Boys (with DCA logo and purchased from Educational Outfitters)

Polo's – Long and short sleeve

(If wearing a long sleeve shirt under short-sleeve polo, it must be the same color as the polo shirt and with no visible graphics)

- White cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Royal cotton and/or Dri-Fit
- Black cotton and/or Dri-Fit

Oxford Shirts

- White – (only option is long sleeve)

Optional

- Sweater Vest - Black

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