

## **FIRST STUDENTS DRESS CODE**

The way we dress is an important part of our Christian witness. We want to reflect Christ in every aspect of our lives. We must remember that we are representatives of Christ and First Baptist Church O'Fallon and must dress accordingly. Also, teenage boys are visually stimulated and when girls dress immodestly, it causes them to have impure and lustful thoughts, and takes their focus off of Christ and puts it on what certain girls are wearing or not wearing. Inappropriate dress causes others to feel uncomfortable, not to mention the fact that it is not Christ-like to wear clothing that is too revealing or immodest. If nothing else, we should have enough respect for ourselves than to wear clothes that are too revealing. Thus we have established some guidelines that we feel are fair and appropriate for ministry activities, programs, trips and events that all participating students must adhere to in order to promote spiritual growth and maximize the ability for ministry to take place.

*Students may NOT wear revealing tank tops, immodest shorts or tops, distasteful designs or messages, and other extreme clothing. Clothing or apparel that contains sexual references or material, profanity, and alcohol or drug logos or references, is strictly prohibited from being worn or purchased while on a church-sponsored trip. Any such items will be confiscated and parents will be called.*

1. **WORSHIP** - Students and staff alike are expected to reflect a Christian example by their dress. Most clothes that are acceptable for school are also acceptable for student worship, activities, trips, programs, and events. Students may wear shorts, skirts, and dresses of modest length. Jeans are always acceptable. When participating in youth services held in the sanctuary, Jeans are a minimum requirement for guys and khakis are a nice touch. Girls should wear jeans, slacks, modest skirts, or dresses. **Shorts** should not come any shorter than the fingertips with arms relaxed at the sides. **Skirts** should not come any shorter than the knees. **Tops** should be modest in that they should not reveal the midriff when the arms are raised and should not be too tight or have a low-cut or revealing neck-line. Spaghetti straps and tank tops are not acceptable for worship.
2. **WATER ACTIVITIES** - There will be several occasions when we will have student ministry events or activities that involve swimming or getting wet. For these activities, only one-piece swimsuits are acceptable. Bikinis should not be worn. Any student not adhering to these guidelines will be asked to change or wear a colored t-shirt. Any time other than at camps and some retreats, modest tankinis will be allowed, but must not show any of the midriff. Chaperones have the right to ask any student to change or put on a dark colored t-shirt if they deem the swimsuit inappropriate. Guys should wear modest swimming shorts.
3. **RECREATION** - For recreational activities, modest shorts and t-shirts are acceptable. Short shorts are not acceptable at any time – nor should shorts be “rolled” at the top to make them shorter.

If there is a question as to whether or not something is appropriate, it is probably inappropriate, so please do not bring on a trip or wear such articles to a youth function. ***IF ANY STUDENT IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS DRESS CODE, ANY ADULT/LEADER HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK THE STUDENT TO CHANGE IMMEDIATELY OR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.***