

## Temple Baptist Academy Standards of Dress and Appearance



The biblical principles that underlie all standards of dress and grooming are modesty and identity. Modesty applies not only to common decency but to the matter of calling undue attention to oneself as well. An appearance that makes a person a public spectacle is as inappropriate for the Christian as clothing that calls inappropriate attention to the body. The clothing and grooming of our students should be appropriate in both facets of modesty. The concept of identity concerns the appropriateness of the student's clothing as in terms of both age and gender.

While at school, student dress will be governed by the school uniform program. All students are to be neatly and appropriately dressed for all Academy-sponsored activities. Students violating the dress code will, at the discretion of the administration, be asked to leave campus until their appearance meets Academy standards. Parents and guests of students are expected to comply with the standards of modest dress exemplified by the uniform program (skirts or dresses for ladies, long pants or slacks for men) while attending or participating in Academy functions.

### Young Men

1. All students must wear the Academy uniform each day. The designated dress uniform will be worn on specified days and for special events scheduled throughout the year (special meetings, programs, graduation, etc.).
2. Haircuts are to be traditional and masculine in nature. The hair may not rest on the collar or cover any portion of the ear. Hair must fall at least 1" above the eyebrow. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear or be cut above the top of the ear. Hair coloring is not permitted.
3. Moustaches and beards are not allowed. Boys will be clean-shaven at all times.
4. Effeminate or excessive jewelry is not allowed.
5. No earring holes or tattoos are allowed.

### Young Ladies

1. All students must wear the Academy uniform each day. The designated dress uniform will be worn on specified days and for special events scheduled throughout the year (special meetings, programs, graduation, etc.).
2. The length of a skirt, dress, or culottes should be no shorter than the bottom of the kneecap whether the student is standing, walking, bending, or sitting.
3. Proper, age-appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times.
4. Socks, tights, or hose must be worn. Girls in preschool through 8th grade may wear socks or tights but may not wear sheer hosiery.
5. Girls in preschool through 5th grade may not wear make-up, lipstick, or nail polish.

6. Girls in grades 6-8 may not wear eye make-up, lipstick, or nail polish.
7. Make-up may be worn conservatively in grades 9-12. Nail polish must be traditional in color.
8. Jewelry must be conservative in both quantity and style.
9. Hairstyles must be conservative and consistent with a traditionally feminine appearance.

Since fads change continually, the administration reserves the right to address the appropriateness of such trends as they arise. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact the Academy office.

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