

Dress Code

The way we dress often reveals something about how we view ourselves and others. It is our privilege at Mt. Ellis to seek to create an environment where:

- 1) Students are encouraged to focus on a personal friendship with Jesus: on academic excellence and on wholesome social relationships.
- 2) Personal value is based on what Jesus is doing in us rather than on outward display.

Campus Dress Should:

- Be neat, clean and in good repair
- Be modest
- Show the beauty of simplicity
- Be appropriate for the place and activity
- Provide for safety and health
- Not offend or distract others-including the opposite sex

General

- Unnatural makeup and hair color that is faddish or outlandish is unacceptable.
- Jewelry is not to be worn at school, work, or during school activities. Jewelry includes rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings and studs.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed. Students who enroll with preexisting tattoos must cover them at all times when on campus or participating in school activities.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times outside the dormitories.
- Hats and head bands will not be worn by men in religious services or in the chapel. Girl's may only have headwear of dress variety in the chapel.
- Excessively tight or revealing clothing is not to be worn. Leggings are accessories to be worn under a regulation length skirt or shorts
- Underwear should not be seen. (This includes boxer shorts and sports bras.)
- No T-shirts are to be worn that have logos, pictures or words that are contrary to the Christian lifestyle.
- Shirts displaying musical groups whose music and/or words are not supportive of the Christian lifestyle are not to be worn.
- Gang-related paraphernalia, clothing, symbols must not be worn.
- Girls' swimsuits must be either of the one-piece or tankini variety with modesty as a guideline.
- Tankini's must cover the midriff.
- Clothing necklines should be modest and not low cut.
- Clothing should not be sheer.
- Midriffs should not be seen when arms are raised above the head.
- Pajamas and sleepwear are not appropriate for cafeteria, classrooms, or out of dorm wear.

- Tank tops and similar style tops are not appropriate for campus wear except possibly as part of layered outfits and sports uniforms.
- Shorts with a minimum 6" inseam are permitted
- Skirts, dresses, skirts, and slits in skirts, etc., should be no higher than 5 inches above the floor when kneeling.

MEN

Friday evening worship

- Full length pants must be worn of dress or denim variety. Fabric must not be ragged or torn.
- Collared shirts or turtlenecks
- Closed toed shoes in good repair

Sabbath school and church

- Pants must be of dress variety. No blue jeans or faded denim
- Dress shirts must be worn and be closed from bottom to top by buttons and if they have a collar must be worn with a tie. Turtlenecks with a dress jacket are acceptable.
- Shoes must be of dress variety. No tennis or athletic shoes.

Hairstyles

Hair should be neat, clean and well groomed.

WOMEN

Friday evening worship

- Shoes may be of dress or athletic variety and must be in good repair. Open toed footwear must be of dress variety.
- Full-length pants or dress or denim variety may be worn. Fabric must not be ragged or torn. Skirts and dresses are also acceptable.
- Polo shirts and dress variety tops may be worn. Sleeveless tops should have straps no less than two inches wide. T-shirts, tank tops, and sweatshirts are not permissible.

Sabbath and church

- Tops must be of dress variety and, if sleeveless, must have straps no less than two inches wide. T-shirts, tank tops, and sweatshirts are not permissible
- Dress slacks are permissible. The following guidelines must be followed:

1. No jeans, khaki-style or cargo pants

2. Not tight fitting
 3. No patch pockets
 4. Slacks should be approved, prior to wearing, by the dean, whose decision is final.
- Shoes must be of dress variety. No tennis or athletic shoes.

Banquet attire

- All attire must be approved by deans before being worn.
- Modesty will be the guiding principle for approval.
- Specific guidelines will be provided prior to the event

Note: To avoid unnecessary conflicts regarding the dress code during the school year we ask that each

Student and parent read and sign the dress code.

Enforcement Procedure

All faculty members are responsible for enforcing the dress code. This holds true at all times when students are under the supervision of the school including off-campus school activities and weekends. The following procedures will be used:

1) Enforcement

- a. Fill out dress code referral and send student to the office.
- b. In the case of jewelry, confiscate before sending student.

2) Administrative procedures

- a. Achieve Compliance.
- b. Inform the student and parent of the student's position on the consequence continuum.
- c. Carry out consequences.
- d. Return student to class/activity as quickly as possible.

Consequence Continuum

- First Referral - *Warn student and notify parent*
- Second Referral - *Same*
- Third Referral - *Notify parents. Loss of privileges for 1 month. Meet with Discipline Committee.*

- Fourth Referral - *Notify parents. One day in school suspension. Loss of leadership positions.*
- Fifth Referral - *Student asked to withdraw. Discipline Committee may or may not consider reapplication.*