



## **KAT Dress Code**

### **Purpose:**

1. To establish standards for the KAT co-op that support our mission and are consistent with Biblical principles and our Statement of Faith; to glorify God and edify others.
2. To promote an effective and wholesome educational environment in our diverse Christian community, while recognizing parental authority and accountability regarding clothing choices.

### **Background and Biblical Principles:**

1. The spirit of the dress code is summarized by Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
2. Each person is responsible before God for his/her thought life and for conforming it to the mind and will of God, including lustful thoughts. Out of Christian love for our brothers and sisters we also are obligated to consider the effects of our choices on other people, including what we wear.<sup>1</sup> We strive to engage in behavior that is righteous and pleasing to God, and avoid actions that could reasonably tempt others to sin, or promote harmful conduct or unbiblical ideologies.
3. We carefully considered the Biblical wisdom of: honoring God with our appearance; unselfishness, humility and consideration of others above ourselves; self-control, modesty, avoiding temptation, and setting a good example.<sup>2</sup>

### **Guidelines for *all* KAT participants on site (students, tutors, supervisory personnel, and parents):**

1. Clothing must be neat, clean, modest, and not distracting to others.
2. The following are allowed
  - Boys:
    - Jeans, khakis, dress pants, sweatpants
    - Polos, T-shirts with sleeves, long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies
  - Girls:
    - Jeans, khakis, dress pants, dresses or skirts which must extend to the top of the knees when standing; sweatpants
    - Blouses, polos, t-shirts with sleeves, or long-sleeved shirts; sweatshirts or hoodies
3. The following are not allowed:
  - Sheer clothing (unless the rest of the outfit would meet the requirements of the dress code if the sheer item were removed).
  - Symbols, logos or other materials (pins, buttons, etc) on clothing or accessories (such as bags or backpacks) that are in direct conflict with this policy, the Statement of Faith, or the Word of God (such as those with offensive wording/pictures or graphics with double meanings)
  - Visible undergarments
  - Skin-tight shirts
  - Visible midriff, torso, shoulders, back, or chest
  - Pants with rips/holes (showing skin) above the knees
  - Clothing inconsistent with one's own biological sex (Deut. 22:5), including makeup or costume play

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<sup>1</sup> Matt 5:27-28; Matt 18:6; Rom 8:5-8; 12:2, 14:12-13; 1 Cor. 8:13; Eph 4:17-24; Col 3:1-10; 1 Peter 1:14-16;

<sup>2</sup> Col. 3:17; Deut. 22:5; 1 Tim. 2:9a and 4:12; Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Tim. 2:9a and 4:12; Titus 2:6-7; 1 Peter 3:3-4.