

## Dress Code Policy

The purpose of the dress code is to ensure an educational environment without unnecessary distractions and for our standard of excellence to be reflected in our appearance. This dress code applies to all students in Kinder-Prep through high school.

*Please keep in mind the “spirit” of this policy. If it’s not specifically addressed here, you can assume it is not approved. The administration reserves the right to address issues in clear violation of the “spirit” of this policy and may deem it appropriate to issue a violation.*

**Skirts, Skorts, Capri, Jumpers, Pants or Shorts:** Solid navy, gray, black, or khaki. No athletic shorts or nylon material.

- Cannot be shorter than three inches above the student’s knee and must not be form-fitting.
- For Lower School students only: shorts or leggings should be worn underneath skirts.
- Form-fitting, skin-tight pants such as leggings, jeggings, skinny-style pants, yoga pants and tights may not be substituted for uniform pants or Dress Down bottoms.
- 2nd– 12th grade must wear a belt if loops are present – any color solid belt without decorations (glitter, gems, etc.).

**Dresses:** Girls may wear a school uniform-style polo dress. Any color uniform-style polo dress is acceptable. No neon. Please wear shorts or leggings underneath polo dresses.

**Collared Polo Style Shirt (long or short sleeve):** Any solid color, collared polo style shirt can be worn. The exception is bright or florescent colors, patterns, or stripes. At least one button must be buttoned to ensure modesty and the shirt must not be too tight. The shirt must be tucked in at all times. If there is a logo or design present on the shirt it must be no larger than 2”x 2”. If you question whether the color is too bright, then please err on the side of caution and choose another color.

**Jackets, Under-shirts & Sweaters:** Must be mostly a solid color. No neon or patterns. Cannot have words or pictures on it and any logo cannot be larger than 2” x 2”. CCA hoodies and Jackets can always be worn.

**Shoes & Shoelaces:** a sturdy, comfortable, non-skid, enclosed shoe. No boots or shoes that have a high heel on them. Boots need to be concealed under pants (not worn with shorts or skirts). Can be any color, except neon or bright, distracting colors. No patterns on the shoes or laces (leopard, polka dots, glitter, stripes, etc.). Shoes must be worn with socks, peds or hosiery for sanitary reasons. No light-up shoes.

**Socks, tights, leggings (worn under skirts or dresses in Lower School) or hosiery:** Can be any length and any SOLID color, except neon or bright, distracting colors and must be worn in matching pairs.

**Hair:** Hair must be kept groomed and clean and may not go below the eyebrow (or be in the eyes). Boys’ hair may not touch the collar of the shirt when standing. Facial hair must be neat and kept groomed. No mohawks. Unnatural hair coloring, hair streaking or other hair styles that are distracting are not allowed.

**Jewelry and Accessories:** Should not be a distraction to the student wearing it or the classmates. Permanent or temporary body art (including piercings and tattoos) is not permitted. No hats or gloves, unless outside.

**PE:** If a child is wearing shoes that the PE teacher feels may be unsuitable for the activity, the child will be asked to sit out and may lose a class participation grade for the day. Students can bring a pair of shoes appropriate for PE to change into. Students can also change into a solid t-shirt and shorts if desired. You must still follow the shoe policy listed above.

**Lost Items:** Please label your child’s clothing, backpacks, and lunch boxes. The school cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced items. Please contact the school office to see if a lost item has been turned in.

## Dress Code For Special Days

*Important Reminder: On special days, please send a change of clothes or shoes if your child has a class requiring physical activity. Your child will not be allowed to participate if not dressed appropriately - this is for safety!*

### **SPIRIT DAYS**

Throughout the year, CCA hosts spirit days.  
These could be for house colors, holidays or any other reason.

**What can I wear?** The students can wear clothing of their choosing that aligns with the Spirit Day theme. This is a special privilege. However, modesty, appropriate length (including placement of holes in jeans) and body art policies still apply. Sandals and flip flops are allowed. Please minimize distractions with your clothing and accessories. If you aren't participating in a Spirit Day, then you need to wear the uniform dress code.

### **DRESS DOWN PASSES**

Dress Down Day passes may be earned for summer reading, or as rewards from teachers or administrators.  
Dress Down Day passes may **only** be used on Fridays, excluding Chapel days.

**What can I wear?** The students can wear clothing of their choosing on the day their pass is turned into their teacher (Lower School) or administrator (for Upper School). This is a special privilege. However, modesty, appropriate length (including placement of holes in jeans) and body art policies still apply. Sandals and flip flops are allowed. Please minimize distractions with your clothing and accessories.

### **DOLLAR DAYS**

Students may purchase a "Dollar Day Pass" for \$11.00 at the beginning of the school year to participate. The last Wednesday of every month is a Dollar Day for those who purchase a pass. \*Students who violate the dress code policy will lose the privilege of Dollar Day and will NOT have their money refunded.

**Kinder-Prep – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Students wear dress down bottoms of their choosing and a Christian t-shirt or a CCA t-shirt. Please continue to observe all other dress code policies.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Students wear clothing of their choosing. However, modesty, appropriate length (including placement of holes in jeans), and body art policies still apply. Sandals and flip-flops are allowed. No hats (unless pre-approved). Please minimize distractions with your clothing and accessories. Form-fitting, skin-tight pants such as leggings, jeggings, skinny style pants, yoga pants and tights may not be worn.

### **OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIPS**

Throughout the year our school goes into the community for special service or learning opportunities.

**What can I wear?** Students may wear a CCA shirt with dress-down approved bottoms. Please follow the dress code in all other areas unless specifically addressed. We prefer students to wear the shirt given out at the beginning of the current year. It helps our new families, chaperones and visiting facility recognize us as members of a group.

### **Violation of the Dress Code Policy**

Violations are counted per semester.

Violation #1 Electronic notification sent

Violation #2 Possible loss of privilege of one Dress Down/Christian t-shirt Day/Spirit day.

Violation #3 Dress down/Christian t-shirt Day /Spirit privilege may be revoked for the rest of the school year. Any further violations will result in an infraction (See Family Infraction Policy).

\*If necessary, the parent may need to bring compliant clothing to the school for the student to change into.

\*Chronic violations may result in suspension as outlined in the Discipline Policy.