

CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE POLICY

LONG PANTS

- Docker Style/Cargo Pants in good repair
- Navy Blue, Black, Brown or Khaki Tan
- Cotton/Cotton Blend/Corduroy
- Proper length
- No Oversized pants
- No frayed bottoms or intentional bunching
- No elastic cuffs
- Must fit properly at the waist (no “low riding” pants)
- Must be loose fitting as opposed to form fitting, (no lycra or polyester style stretch pants) Modesty is the guiding principle.
- A front zipper is required for all pants (or button fly for cargo pants)

The zipper requirement is not applicable for Elementary students.

SHORTS AND SKORTS

- Same requirements as pants except length
- Must be no more than 2 inches above the knee
- For Boys shorts may not exceed 2 inches below the knee

CAPRI PANTS

- Same requirements as pants except length

SKIRTS

- Same colors and materials as pants
- Modest fit
- No slits above knees
- Length – no higher than 2 inches above the knee
- No pants showing below skirt

JUMPER (DRESS)

- Same colors and materials as pants
- Length – no higher than 2 inches above the knee
- Definition of Jumper – one piece, sleeveless with top straps being about 1-2 inches wide
- Must be worn with a collared or turtleneck shirt

BELTS

- All pants/shorts/skort/skirts must be worn with a belt if there are belt loops
- Must have buckle or be properly sized
- Belt not required in elementary (K-6)

SHIRTS

- Shirts must be long enough to remain tucked in (any outer shirt)
- Polo style shirt...shirts must be buttoned to point of modesty (no loops or gaps around buttons). Should there be question regarding where the point of modesty may fall, the administration will direct the student. Once that point is determined it should be adhered to from that point forward
- Oxford style shirts (shirts with collars that button down the front) are permitted
- Any solid color is acceptable
- Short or long sleeved are acceptable
- Tank tops or non-collared shirts may not be worn as an outer garment. They may be worn under the Polo or Oxford shirt. All layers must be tucked in
- Writing on undershirt may not be visible through outer shirt
- Can wear a solid t-shirt or turtleneck underneath. No writing on t-shirts. No camisoles that can be seen; scooped necks, etc.
- Cannot have colored stripe or colored piping on the outside of collar
- May have small (credit card size) designer or CCS logo
- Must fit properly and modestly – no cleavage showing for young ladies
- Buttons are to be appropriately buttoned

SWEATSHIRTS/COATS

- **ONLY** official/approved CCS Hooded. Crewneck or ¼-zip sweatshirts are acceptable in class (collared shirts must be worn underneath)
- CCS track jackets are acceptable school apparel
- No athletic uniform tops may be worn to class
- CCS class shirts bearing CCS name or logo are acceptable only on **Friday**
- ***Elementary students may wear plain sweatshirts of any style in the following colors: gray, white, red or blue.***

SWEATERS

- Only solid, long sleeved cardigan style is permitted. Cardigans may have buttons, zippers, hoods, or no hoods
- Must wear dress code shirt or turtleneck beneath
- **ELEMENTARY ONLY:** plain gray, white, red or blue sweatshirts and any style sweaters

SHOES

- Athletic shoes allowed
- No higher than 2 inch heels
- Tied/laces/Velcro/buckles/slip-on/loafers
- No Flip-Flops or Athletic Sandals
- Crocs are not permitted for school wear
- Feet must be in the shoes
- No roller shoes
- No sandals are allowed K-6 (shoes must have enclosed toe and heel).

SPIRIT WEAR POLICY

All “spirit wear” will be handled through Athletic Boosters so that all spirit wear is developed in a consistent manner. Spirit wear will be defined as any modest attire that

is approved by Athletic Boosters, following the guidelines as set forth below. In order for spirit wear to be worn on Friday's the following guidelines must be followed:

1. Must be one or more of the following colors: White, Blue, Grey and Black
2. The words: One of the following choices must be on spirit wear unless the letters CCS is chosen to represent the school.
 - a. Cincinnati Christian Schools
 - b. Cincinnati Christian High School
 - c. Cincinnati Christian Elementary

Clubs, classes and other CCS organizations must obtain the campus principals' approval prior to having any attire developed for the purpose of representing and or promoting any CCS club, class or organization. Requests for spirit wear must be made 3 weeks in advance of required completion date. It will be the club, class or organizations responsibility to develop the design for the shirt and submit it with the order to a representative from the Athletic Boosters.

The Superintendent will approve the Athletic Boosters request to make changes to this policy.

Most spirit wear attire developed by CCS prior to the 2009-10 school year will be grandfathered-in to wear on Friday spirit wear days. The campus principal will have full discretion to disallow any spirit wear they deem inappropriate.

FRIDAY DRESS CODE/SPIRIT DAYS

- Jeans may be worn on Friday if accompanied by **official spirit wear**.
- Sports team Uniform tops are not permitted as spirit wear
- Students may not wear jeans on Fridays unless they wear approved CCS spirit wear
- Jeans must be have a neat appearance (no holes, frayed on the bottom or writing.)

Note: The administration reserves the right to disallow any spirit wear should it be determined to be inappropriate for school wear.

Elementary Only

- K-3 are permitted to wear jeans or navy/gray sweat pants on the day of physical education
- Students in grades 4-6 will change into modest and appropriate shorts prior to their physical education class.

GROOMING

GIRLS:

- Make-up: Grades K-6 - No makeup or body glitter, Grades 7-12 – moderate
- Hair: Conventional style, normal solid colors, no pronounced two-tones (highlights okay)
- Jewelry: Moderate jewelry including earrings are permitted but other body piercing

decorations or tattoos which are visible in school dress are not permitted during school or at any school activity. Chokers or dog collars, and studded bands are not permitted

- No writing on body parts (arms, legs, face, hands, etc) with markers, ink pens, paint or any other item

BOYS:

- No makeup (including body glitter, nail polish, etc.)
- Hair: Conventional style, normal solid colors, no pronounced two-tones (highlights OK). Hair must be neatly trimmed so as not to fall across the student's eyes, fall below the bottom of the ear, or bottom of the collar
- Clean shaven every day.
- Jewelry: Earrings or other body piercing decorations or tattoos which are visible in school dress are not permitted during school or at any school activity. Chokers, dog collars, studded arm bands and chains are not permitted.
- No writing on body parts (arms, legs, face, hands, etc) with markers, ink pens, paint or any other item.

SCHOOL EVENTS OR FIELD TRIPS: On all school outings, we must remember that we represent the school and Christ to the world; therefore, participants are expected to be in dress code. This applies to any CCS organization, athletic team, clubs, etc. that represents CCS. The teacher/coach decides appropriate wear for the outing as follows:

- Must wear approved Monday – Thursday attire if outing is to a place such as a play or museum.
- Can wear approved spirit-wear apparel if outing is to a park, service work, picnics or other outdoor activity.
- Athletic teams are expected to be in dress code to and from sporting events unless in uniform.
- On special event days the classes or groups may wear their t-shirts made especially for that day.

VOLUNTARY EVENTS: Modest apparel is the standard for games, school sponsored parties, etc. Modest apparel does NOT include tube tops, short shorts (less than 2" inseam) camisoles, halter tops etc. This list is not exhaustive but simply examples of what is considered immodest apparel by CCS. It is never appropriate to reveal undergarment straps or cleavage at any CCS activity whether it be a field trip or athletic event.

DRESS CODE for Junior/Senior Formal and Homecoming:

Remember that this is a formal event.

Ladies must be sure that their dresses:

- Are not backless below the middle of the back
- Do not have slits above the knee
- Show no cleavage
- Are not tight and form fitted.
- Undergarments must be worn.

Gentlemen must wear

- Either a suit and tie or a tux to the Jr/Sr Banquet.
- Either a suit and tie or a dress shirt, pants and tie to homecoming.

If your date is not a student at CCS, you are expected to communicate these rules with them and you are responsible for what they wear.

Please understand that we want this to be a wonderful evening for everyone; however, if you chose to come to the Jr/Sr outside the dress code outlined above, you will be sent home.

Any other dress code problems during the evening will be considered a school disciplinary problem and will be addressed as such.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

JUNIOR/HIGH SCHOOL:

If possible students will be required to immediately correct the dress code violation and will be either assigned a detention or demerits or both. Students who are in violation of the dress code and cannot address the violation without a change of clothing will not be permitted to attend class until appropriate clothing acquired. Students will be permitted to call parents to bring a change of clothing or gain permission to leave school to go home and change their clothing.

ELEMENTARY:

FIRST OFFENSE: A grace note will be sent to the parent from the classroom teacher indicating that a dress code violation has occurred. The teacher will record the offense. No referral to the Principal made at this time.

SECOND OFFENSE: In the event of a second occurrence of the same dress code violation, the student is referred to the Principal who will call the parent and request the parent to bring a change of clothing to the child. A 7:45 AM detention for the following school day will be set. The classroom teacher and the Principal will record the offense.

THIRD OFFENSE: In the event of a third occurrence of the same infraction, the student will be referred to the Principal who will call the parent and request that the student be picked up from school. A 1-day suspension will be assigned (zeroes for all missed school work will be assessed).

FOURTH OFFENSE: In the event of a fourth occurrence of the same infraction, the student will be recommended for expulsion from the school.

It is important to note that offenses are tallied based upon violation of the same repeat dress code violation. If a student dresses inappropriately twice but in different categories, this does not constitute a second offense. This would be two first offense violations.