

UNIFORM DRESS POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

The mission of CCA is to partner with Christian parents to train their children, the school's students, to serve Christ daily. CCA has adopted a uniform dress policy that we believe is consistent with scriptural principles of **modesty** and **propriety**. Dressing in a way that honors and pleases God is one of our core values. In order for the dress policy to be successful, the following elements are essential:

Cooperation – Having common values and a common goal, CCA staff and families must work **together** to implement and monitor the dress code.

Communication – Much time, effort, and input from all involved parties (students, parents, and staff) have gone into developing a flexible, simplified dress code that works for everyone. Staff and parents, over the course of the school year, must strive to maintain a **productive and positive** dialogue concerning issues and questions about the dress code.

Consistency – Our dress code, along with many other areas of school policy, must be governed by this simple but critical truth: **What applies to one student must apply to every student**. Our dress code needs to be consistently followed and consistently enforced. This must be the standard we all are working toward.

GENERAL

Any clothing, book bag, hat, notebook, jewelry, or other paraphernalia with sexual innuendo, inappropriate message or picture, new-age, occult or pagan symbol, alcohol, drug, substance abuse, or other questionable picture or symbol, or individuals or groups or concepts that are inconsistent with a biblical lifestyle and obedience to Christ are unacceptable and not to be worn at CCA during school hours/functions.

Girls may wear conservative earrings (Studs only, no "dangly" earrings). Boys are prohibited from wearing earrings. Hair is to be kept clean, combed and at a moderate length for boys, which we consider to be off of the collar, and covering no more than half the ear. Hair must be above the eyebrows and out of the eyes at all times. Students are prohibited from dyeing their hair. Any makeup that is visible and obvious is not allowed.

CCA does not allow any visible permanent **or** temporary tattoos, drawing on skin, or body-piercing.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

It is important that the dress code policies are accepted fully and enforced consistently. Enforcing these policies is not the sole responsibility of the school, but rather the full cooperation between parents, students, and staff. It is expected that parents and students will voluntarily abide by and consistently meet the Uniform Dress Code requirements without repeated reminders.

In most cases a verbal warning will be given to the student. With younger students in kindergarten, communication will be between teacher and parent and not involve the student. At the administration's discretion, students who are not in compliance with the dress code **may** be excluded from classes and/or school activities and placed in detention until the student's inappropriate attire is corrected. The frequency and nature of a uniform violation will be taken into account to help determine the need for communication with parents and potential discipline. If you are in doubt as to the acceptability of an article of clothing, **speak to your respective teacher or the administrator before** the item is worn to school. The school administration reserves the right to judge any article of clothing on an individual basis.

CCA asks parents to be sensitive to the reality that over the course of a school year, their child's body will grow, change, and develop! Clothes and shoes purchased at the beginning of the school year may not be adequate to last an entire year. Please be conscious of the size and condition of your child's clothing throughout the school year, and purchase new clothing accordingly.

A parent should routinely check uniforms right before a child leaves for school to avoid uniform violations. Shirt length has been a problem, and the following test is a great way to determine if shirt is too short: With their shirt tucked in and belt on, have the student raise their hands over their head- if the shirt is long enough, it will stay tucked in. Our standard of modesty calls for no exposure of midriffs or under-clothing during the entire course of the day, including recess.

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All students who attend Covenant Christian Academy will wear a uniform.
The following are guidelines which you should follow when purchasing uniform clothing.

GIRLS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

SLACKS	KHAKI, NAVY, OR BLACK	CHINO OR CORDUROY/NO DENIM
SHORTS	KHAKI, NAVY, OR BLACK	FITTED CARGO SHORTS/SLACKS ALLOWED
SKIRTS/SKORTS/ JUMPERS	KHAKI, NAVY, BLACK, OR NAVY PLAID	
SWEATERS	PLAID OR ANY SOLID COLOR EXCEPT BLACK OR FLOURESCENT	V-NECK, CREW,CARDIGAN, FLEECE OR VEST STYLE <u>PLAIN OR CCA LOGO ONLY</u>
BLOUSES/ POLO SHIRTS/ TURTLE NECKS	ANY COLOR EXCEPT BLACK OR FLOURESCENT	COTTON/POLYESTER W/COLLAR-NO SLEEVELESS ALL SHIRTS MUST HAVE COLLARS AND SLEEVES <u>SOLID COLORS ONLY</u>

GIRLS' PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

NAVY SKIRT, SKORT, OR JUMPER, WHITE BLOUSE, BURGUNDY TIE, DRESS SHOES

BOYS UNIFORM GUIDELINES

SLACKS/ SHORTS	KHAKI, NAVY, OR BLACK	CHINO OR CORDUROY/NO DENIM FITTED CARGO SHORTS/SLACKS ALLOWED
POLO SHIRTS/ TURTLENECKS	ANY COLOR EXCEPT BLACK OR FLOURESCENT	ALL SHIRTS MUST HAVE COLLARS AND SLEEVES <u>SOLID COLORS ONLY</u>
SWEATERS	PLAID OR ANY SOLID COLOR EXCEPT BLACK OR FLOURESCENT	V-NECK, CREW,CARDIGAN, OR VEST STYLE <u>PLAIN OR CCA LOGO ONLY</u>

BOYS' PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

NAVY SLACKS, WHITE LONG-SLEEVED OXFORD SHIRT AND TIE, BELT, DRESS SHOES

OTHER UNIFORM SPECIFICS

SKIRTS, SKORTS AND SHORTS

Girls should wear solid navy blue or black bicycle shorts under their skirts to avoid exposure of underwear, even when tights are worn. Please consider skorts as an alternative to skirts for the classroom and the playground and skirts and jumpers for performances. The length of the skirts, skorts and shorts (for boys and girls) must be two inches **below** the fingertips while the hands are resting at the side. Please consider the length of the shorts before sending your child to school in them. Long skirts (ankle length) are not appropriate uniform attire. Always wear solid-colored bicycle shorts under a dress or skirt even when tights are worn.

SOCKS

Students must wear socks. Tights need to be unadorned and in **solid** colors consistent with the dress code.

SHOES

What we want to see are simple styles. Cowboy boots, shoes or boots with heels higher than 1", "Heely's", shoes with lights, and sandals are some specific examples of footwear **NOT** allowed. In addition to the traditional leather school shoes (brown, black or navy), we will allow tennis shoes with no neon/flourescent colors, trim, or laces . All shoes must be closed toe, closed heel, with no sideslits, and kept clean and in good condition at all times. Students are expected to tie their shoes and keep them tied at all times. Shoes must be kept on at all times while on campus- shoes with loose laces that come off a student's feet easily are not allowed.

TIES

Boys are required to wear a tie for all performances, unless otherwise indicated. Any tie that compliments the uniform is acceptable. Girls are required to wear burgundy ties on their white blouses that will be available for purchase or to be borrowed for pictures and performances.

BELTS

All students are required to wear a solid, unadorned, brown, black, or navy belt made of canvas or leather with a simple buckle, even on jeans day. All shirts must be kept tucked in at all times.

SHIRTS

All shirts must have a collar and sleeves. Please refer to uniform shirt descriptions on page 16. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

SWEATERS

V-neck, crew, cardigan or vest style sweaters may only be worn over a polo, oxford or turtleneck shirt. These sweaters may not be worn without a uniform shirt or blouse underneath. All sweaters must be a solid color or plaid.

WINTER ATTIRE

Since students will be out on the playground as often as possible, CCA families must be aware of the seasonal weather conditions and choose their outerwear accordingly. Hats, gloves, stocking caps, snowpants and winter boots can be worn to school and on the playground but **not** in class. Regular uniform attire is the standard for the classroom, even during the Winter months.

LABEL ALL CLOTHING WHENEVER POSSIBLE!

ACCESSORIES

Accessories are fine, but when they become a distraction, the teacher will speak directly to the student and/or send a note home. For example, watch alarms will not be tolerated. (See p. 16 Under the “General” heading for guidelines about jewelry and makeup)

JEANS DAY

Jeans day is always the last day of the school week (usually Friday) and is **optional**. The regular uniform code applies to students who choose not to participate. Students may wear jeans (blue or black denim) if they are clean and in good condition without adornment or embroidery. This means that they should not be frayed, worn to the point of being holey, patched or bleached. Jeans need to be fitted and worn with a tucked in uniform shirt, school-appropriate shoes, and belt. During warmer weather, jean shorts and skorts are allowed if they meet the length standards specified for shorts. Blue or black denim skirts, dresses and jumpers are allowed if they are consistent with the dress code. Jeans day attire is also suitable for field trips **unless otherwise noted**.

BAGGY/TIGHT CLOTHING

Baggy clothing or clothing that is too form-fitting are **not allowed**. In other words, pants may not drag on the ground and clothing must be fitted, but not skin-tight. Pants and shorts must be worn not more than two inches below the wearer's natural waist, not “slouched” or on hips.

SWEATSHIRTS

CCA LOGO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS can be worn during class only over shirts that meet the dress code. The hoods **cannot** be worn inside. These sweatshirts are able to be ordered throughout the school year at the school office and **gray** is the only authorized color.

COATS/JACKETS

Coats, jackets, windbreakers, etc. that are worn to school may **not** be worn in class. Only dress-code sweaters and the CCA logo gray sweatshirt are allowed to be worn in the classroom.

HATS

Simple 1-2 color stocking caps without logos or trademarks are the only head covering allowed, to be worn only at recess during cold weather. No hats or hoods are allowed to be worn indoors. **NO BASEBALL CAPS ALLOWED.**

PE UNIFORMS

PE Uniforms are required for first through eighth grades. Solid navy blue athletic shorts (cotton or cotton/poly blend) are required. When the weather turns cold, please switch to navy blue sweats and a navy blue sweatshirt. CCA uniform t-shirts are the only acceptable t-shirt. Athletic shoes must be worn for this class. Shoes that fall off a child's foot while running or kicking are considered unsuitable for P.E.

Please write your child's name on an inside tag or label of all clothing. Much of our lost-and-found items are outerwear taken off during a P.E. activity and left behind when class is over.

WHERE TO PURCHASE UNIFORM CLOTHING

You can find uniform clothing at many department stores, including J.C. Penney, Nordstrom, The Gap, Target, Wal-mart (in Portland), and Lands' End. Uniform clothing is available on many websites also, such as: Cookies.com, Wal-mart.com, Childrenswearoutlet.com, and others.

Lands' End has provided us with their Uniform Catalog which we refer to when describing uniform style. Lands' End will also pay the school a 3% rebate on the purchase you make if you provide them with our Preferred School number, which is:

9000-2973-7

Land's End also has our logo available for shirts and sweaters ordered from them. You will need to specify our logo number when placing your order:

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CCA recommends that families **save all receipts** from all uniform purchases in the event an item doesn't comply with the uniform policy and needs to be returned.

LOST AND FOUND

Over the course of a typical school year, there is a steady accumulation of clothing items left on the playground, in the bathrooms, etc. When clothing is labeled, it's much easier to return it to its owner. Unidentified clothing is placed in the lost and found bin located under the soda machine in the education building across from the girls' restroom. This is the first place to look if a student is missing an item of clothing. We must emphasize again: **It's cheaper to label clothing than it is to replace it. Please label all clothing.**

