



# CROWN OF LIFE

## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### DRESS CODE

CLCA dress code is an important element in maintaining our school's image, culture, and high academic standards. As a reflection of our love for God, the dress code should give a clear witness of our faith and modesty standards. The dress code should also be conducive to a teaching and learning atmosphere and ensure each student's safety and the safety of others. The following dress code guidelines were established by the CLCA School Council and teachers to assist in achieving the goals mentioned in our school handbook.

#### Shirts:

- The following solid-colored navy, gray, or white tops are acceptable:
  - Long or short-sleeved collared polo or button-down oxford shirt
- The following are allowed with a dress code appropriate shirt worn underneath:
  - Sweaters (cardigan, crew neck, v-neck, sweater vest, no shrugs)
  - School-approved CLCA sweatshirts and fleeces, but are not to be worn into church on chapel days.
- For layering purposes, turtlenecks and white t-shirts may be worn under collared shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts. Turtlenecks and non-CLCA logo T-shirts are not to be worn on their own.
- Spirit wear must have a dress code appropriate shirt underneath.
- Note: A CLCA navy polo is required for most field trips and school sponsored events.

#### Pants:

- Colors: khaki, navy or black
- Twill, chino, cotton, or corduroy khaki-style pants: Pleated or plain front pants, cargo pockets (no baggy pockets), or slight flair acceptable
- Grades 5-8: Must be worn with a traditional solid-colored buckle belt. Shirts must be tucked in.
- No oversized pants or shorts; all pants and shorts must fit at the waist and inseam

#### Logos:

- We understand it is getting more difficult to find clothing without logos of any kind. In an attempt to widen the choices available, small logos (less than 2" x 2") will be allowed.

#### Shorts:

- Colors: khaki, navy or black
- Should be no shorter than 4" above the top of the knee cap
- Pleated or plain front
- May have cargo pockets (no baggy pockets)
- Shorts may not be worn on Chapel days.
- Shorts may not be worn between November-February.

#### Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, or Skorts:

- Solid-colored khaki, navy, black or official plaid dresses, jumpers, skirts or skorts are allowed.
- Non-collared dresses are allowed so long as they cover the collarbone, are loosely fitted and have sleeves.
- Dresses, jumpers, skirts, and skorts should be no more than 4" above the top of the knee cap regardless of whether solid-colored black, navy, gray, or white leggings or tights are worn underneath. Solid-colored black, navy, gray or white socks or regular socks may be worn.
- Grades K-4: Shorts or plain black/navy/gray leggings must be worn under skirts.
- Jumpers must have a dress code appropriate shirt underneath.

#### Shoes:

- To ensure children are able to play freely and without injury at recess, tennis shoes, boots, or other closed-toe shoes are strongly encouraged. Sandals with heel straps are allowed.
- Shoes must be in good condition, neat and clean; laces must be tied appropriately.
- Lights, wheelies, high heels or platforms, clogs, crocs, slippers, open-backed shoes, and flip-flops are not permitted.



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### DRESS CODE *(Continued)*

#### **Make-Up, Hair, Hats, and Jewelry:**

- Make-up is allowed in moderation for girls; however, heavy eye-shadow and dark lipstick are unacceptable.
- Hair/Hats: Hair must be neat, clean, well groomed, and remain a natural hair color. Hairstyles must be kept in moderation. Hats and hoods are to be worn only outside. Hair accessories are to be of a conservative style and size.
- Jewelry may be worn in moderation.
- Excessive jewelry, dangle or hoop earrings, or earrings for boys are not allowed. Physical education classes and athletic competitions do not allow participants to wear jewelry of any kind.

#### **Casual Days:**

Following are acceptable on announced casual days only:

- Denim jeans, athletic, warm-up, and nylon pants
- Shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters with patterns, any size logo, and/or hoods
- Clothing containing sequins, jewels, or glitter

#### **Items Never Permitted Under the Dress Code (even on Casual Days):**

- Clothing with sheer, lace or “see through” fabrics even if there is another garment underneath
- Excessively baggy and/or tight clothing including but not limited to skinny jeans, leggings (worn only as pants), lycra, spandex, yoga pants/tops
- Clothing showing the collar bone, stomach, shoulders, and/or back
- Clothing containing language and/or images that could be construed as offensive or inappropriate
- Clothing containing holes or frays
- Excessive jewelry, dangle or hoop earrings, or earrings for boys
- Flip-flops or shoes with high heels

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#### **Dress Code Reinforcement:**

Parent reinforcement of the dress code is critical in helping maintain the school image, culture, and an environment free of distractions for our teachers and students. Should dress code questions arise, we encourage parents and/or students to talk with any teacher for clarification in advance of a child wearing questionable clothing. It is each parent’s responsibility to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school each morning. This includes ensuring that proper clothes are packed/worn for grades 5 – 8 students on P.E. days. In the event a teacher or staff member feels the dress code has been violated, the process below will be followed:

- First Violation: a verbal warning is given to the student
- Second & Third Violations: parents are notified of the violation via a phone call and a written communication which will require their acknowledgment/signature.
- Fourth Violation & Beyond: a parent is called and must come to the school office and bring their child appropriate attire before the child may return to the classroom. The student receives an after-school detention.

A record of dress code violations will be kept by CLCA y faculty or staff for all violations that occur during the school year.

It is very difficult to draft a dress code policy that encompasses all current and future fashion trends. As a result, the School Council reserves the right to adjust the policy as needed. We understand no dress code policy will provide an answer to every potential choice faced by parents and students. Common sense, combined with a desire to glorify God, will hopefully result in good choices. When there are differences of opinion concerning school clothing, the judgment of the CLCA faculty and staff will be respected.



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### DRESS CODE FAQs

#### **Do the uniform pieces need to be purchased from a certain retailer/store?**

No, you may purchase items from any store as long as they fit the dress code. Examples include, but are not limited to: Target, Walmart, OshKosh B'Gosh, Shopko, etc. \*\*Plaid items must be purchased from the CLCA page on the Lands' End website.

#### **Are the plaid pieces going to be required?**

No, plaid pieces are not required. They are just a fun option for those who would like it.

#### **Will CLCA spirit-wear be allowed during school days?**

Yes, as stated in the handbook, certain school-approved CLCA spirit-wear will be permitted during school as long as a dress code appropriate shirt is worn underneath.

#### **Is the CLCA logo required on all shirts/sweaters?**

No, the CLCA logo will not be required.

#### **Will shirts need to be tucked in?**

Shirts will need to be tucked in and a belt worn for grades 5-8. K-4 will not be required to tuck in shirts or wear belts.

#### **Will preschool students need to wear uniforms?**

No, preschool students will not be required to wear uniforms.

#### **Where can I find the dress code so that I can plan?**

The dress code is available to view as part of the handbook on the CLCA website.

### LANDS' END ORDERING *(Optional)*

#### **How to order:**

- Visit the link below to create an account or sign in. Include your student and school information in My Account. Start shopping with your personalized product checklist. Preferred School Number 900186594  
<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900186594>
- Call 1-800-469-222 and reference your student's Preferred School Number 900186594, grade level and gender. Their team of consultants are available 24/7 for assistance.
- Visit a local Lands' End at Sears store. They can help with sizing information and you can place your Preferred School order online via that store kiosk. Please note, they may have a limited variety.  
*Closest store: Prairie Towne Center, 209 Junction Road, Madison, WI 53717*





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**BOY OUTFIT EXAMPLES**



**GIRL OUTFIT EXAMPLES**

