

DRESS CODE

CLCA dress code is an important element in maintaining our academy'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 Board of Directors and teachers to assist in achieving the goals mentioned in our Family handbook.

Shirts:

- The following solid-colored navy, gray, black, 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 laying 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 Academy 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 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 may be worn.
- Grades K-4: plain black/navy/gray/white leggings or shorts 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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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 sheet, 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 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

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 - Fourth Violation:** a written warning is given to the student and parents are notified of the violation via a phone call and a written communication which will require their acknowledgment/signature.
- **Fifth Violation & Beyond:** the student will receive a detention form 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.

A record of dress code violations will be kept by CLCA 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 Board of Directors 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.