

## **Dress Code Policy (Pg. 21 in Handbook)**

The purpose of the uniform and 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 kindergarten through high school.

**Skirts, Skorts, Capri, Jumpers, Pants or Shorts:** Solid navy, gray, black or khaki

☞ Length of shorts, skirts, dress or skorts: 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade must wear a belt if loops are present – **any color solid belt without decorations (glitter, gems, etc.)**.

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

**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:** May be any color, but neon. Cannot have words on it and any logo cannot be larger than 2" x 2".

**Shoes & shoe laces:** 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, stripes, etc.). Shoes must be worn with socks, peds or hosiery for sanitary reasons.

**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, hair coloring, hair streaking or other hair styles that are distracting.

**Jewelry and Accessories:** Jewelry should be simple and limited to one piece only on fingers, ears, neck and wrists. Please make sure big, bright, or otherwise distracting hair ribbons, bows and flowers are saved for special events and are not worn on school days. However, the smaller the child's head, the smaller the hair accessory may need to be. We also ask that you keep the colors to solid muted colors. Glasses that are meant for style vs. prescription glasses are not appropriate at school. Permanent or temporary Body art (including piercings and tattoos) is not permitted. No hats or gloves.

**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 Down Pass:** Students may be given a Dress Down pass by staff. Dress Down passes may only be used on Fridays, excluding Chapel days. The student can then wear clothing of your choosing. This is a special privilege. However, modesty, appropriate length and body art policies still apply. Sandals and flip flops are allowed. No hats or tank tops. Please minimize distractions with your clothing and accessories. Please bring a change of clothes or shoes if your child has a class requiring physical activity. Your child will not be allowed to participate in classes requiring physical activity if not dressed appropriately-this is for safety! Form-fitting, skin-tight pants such as leggings, jeggings, skinny style pants and yoga pants and tights may not be worn on dress down days.

**Christian T-Shirt Day:** The last Friday of every month is a Christian T-Shirt Day. Students may purchase a "pass" for \$10.00 at the beginning of the school year to participate. If a student does not purchase an annual pass, then that student must wear their regular uniform. Students must wear their regular, school approved uniform bottoms and a Christian T Shirt, House Shirt or a CCA Shirt. Students that violate the Dress Code Policy will lose the privilege of Christian T Shirt Day and their money will NOT be refunded.

**Off Campus Activities:** Students may wear a CCA shirt or a navy or white polo shirt for off campus activities. Please follow the dress code in all other areas unless specifically addressed.

**Music Students:** Students need a red polo shirt, black dress pants, black belt, black socks and black shoes to music performances.

☞ **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.**

#### Violation of the Dress Code Policy

Violations are counted per semester.

Violation #1 Electronic notification sent (upper school monthly dress down privilege is lost for that grade level).

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

Violation #3 Dress down/Christian t-shirt Day /Spirit privilege may revoke 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.