



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY 2009-2010

The CCS dress code has been established to develop student attitudes and behaviors that honor our Lord Jesus Christ and promote spiritual growth.

"All things are legitimate [permissible -- and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life]. Let no one then seek his own good and advantage and profit, but [rather let him seek welfare of his neighbor]." 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 (Amplified Bible)

DRESS CODE

The word "edify" literally means "the act of building" and is used figuratively in the New Testament to refer to the promotion of spiritual growth. As believers, it is our Biblical responsibility to conduct ourselves in word and deed (including dress) in a manner that glorifies God and promotes personal and corporate spiritual growth. Therefore, we require that every student at Crossroads Christian Schools maintain an appearance which conforms to the following guidelines:

BASIC PRINCIPLES regarding clothing and appearance include:

Godliness (1 Timothy 4:12)

Cleanliness

Practicality

Modesty (1 Timothy 2:9)

Safety

Neatness

UNIFORMS

- All uniform pants and shorts must be in navy, khaki, or CCS plaid (as available by item). No cargo styles.
- CCS logo polo shirts (short or long sleeves) must be red, navy or white in color. CCS logo blouses and oxford shirts must be white in color. All logo shirts are available for purchase at Lands' End or Dennis Uniform.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GIRLS:

- Pants, shorts, or jeans** must be appropriately proportioned. They must not be form fitting or excessively baggy.
- Length of **skirts, skorts, shorts or dresses** must be no shorter than mid-thigh. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee. ***Please make allowance for growth.* Shorts, tights or leggings must be worn underneath dresses if the student is to play on the playground.
- Shirts, blouses, and dresses** are required to cover the top of the shoulders and the midriff. They must not be form fitting (no pinning or clipping), low-cut, backless or have any slits. Girls may wear tank tops (no lace camisoles) under all blouses for modesty. Long-sleeved mock or standard turtlenecks (free from insignias) may be worn under polo shirt/blouses, if desired for warmth.
- Clothing with Christian symbols or messages printed on them are encouraged for only Middle School students on Fridays and for all students on non-uniform days. Christian t-shirts worn must contain a scripture verse reference and not just a Christian company logo. No skull or crossbones are acceptable even on Christian t-shirts.
- Jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts** may be in any solid color. Inconspicuous (pocket size or smaller) manufacturer logos are acceptable. A CCS logo shirt must be worn under all jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts.
- Clothing must be complete, seams must be sewn, rips and tears must be patched.
- Shoes** (any color) must be worn at all times and must have both a closed heel and toe - sandals/flip-flops are not safe for students. Shoes must not have wheels, platform styles or high heels over 2" in height.
- Socks** (any color) are required for K-1 students. Socks are recommended for 2-8 students, especially on P.E. Days.
- CCS **hats** or solid hats/caps are allowed outside, but are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Modest make-up and acrylic nails are permitted for only Middle School girls. Nail polish is acceptable for all girls.
- Hair should be a natural color, clean and neatly combed (not in the eyes, etc.). Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.

12. The wearing of jewelry should be kept to a minimum. K-5 students may wear studs only. Middle School girls should keep safety in mind when choosing earrings and keep hoop or dangling earrings to a minimal length. Ears are the only acceptable location for piercing.
13. No gothic or grunge clothing.
14. Extreme fashions which call undue attention to the individual or any part of the anatomy in an unwholesome way, are not acceptable.
15. Scouting uniforms may be worn on group meeting days.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BOYS:

1. **Pants, shorts, or jeans** must be appropriately proportioned. They must not be too tight or excessively baggy. All pants or shorts must be worn at the waist. A belt may be required. Undergarments must never be visible above or below outer clothing.
2. Length of shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. The school standard for mid-thigh is one-half of the measured distance from the top of the inseam to the middle of the knee. ***Please make allowance for growth.*
3. Clothing with Christian symbols or messages printed on them are encouraged for Middle School students on Fridays and for all students on non-uniform days. Christian t-shirts worn must contain a scripture verse reference and not just a Christian company logo. No skull or crossbones are acceptable even on Christian t-shirts.
4. **Jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts** may be in any solid color. Inconspicuous (pocket size or smaller) manufacturer, non-CCS, college or sports team logos are acceptable; however, logos, symbols or slogans that are not edifying must be avoided. A CCS logo shirt must be worn under all jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts.
5. Clothing must be complete, seams must be sewn, rips and tears must be patched.
6. **Shoes** (any color) must be worn at all times and must have both a closed heel and toe - sandals/flip-flops are not safe for students. Shoes must not have wheels.
7. **Socks** (any color) are required for K-1 students. Socks are recommended for 2-8 students, especially on P.E. Days.
8. Solid **hats/caps** are allowed outside, but are not to be worn backwards, to the side, or in the classroom.
9. Hair should be a natural color, clean and neatly combed (not in the eyes, etc.). Avoid extreme or questionable hairstyles.
10. Earrings and nail polish are not permitted.
11. Any type of body piercing is not permitted.
12. No wallet chains. No studs or spikes may be worn on belts or accessories.
13. No gothic or grunge clothing.
14. Extreme fashions which call undue attention to the individual or any part of the anatomy in an unwholesome way, are not acceptable.
15. Scouting uniforms may be worn on group meeting days.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES FOR ALL STUDENTS:

Spirit Wear:

- CCS spirit t-shirts - included in the school registration/activity fee and provided to students at the beginning of each school year - are encouraged on Fridays (Spirit Days).
- A CCS spirit t-shirt (or Christian shirt for Middle School students) may be worn with any uniform bottom or jeans with minimal embellishments. Jeans may be Capri length (girls) or shorts consistent with guidelines.
- CCS spirit t-shirts and sweatshirts (including sports team wear) from previous years are acceptable when worn on Fridays and in a manner consistent with uniform guidelines.

Sports Game Days:

- CCS sports team members may wear uniform jerseys and sweatshirts, or dress shirts & ties on game days.

Special Dress Days:

- Specific dates for non-uniform dress days are pre-determined by the administration, universal for all students, and announced in the Crossroads Connection and Monday letters.
- Basic dress code applies to all special dress days regarding appropriateness (modesty), condition (safety), length, fit & cleanliness.

This dress code is not all-inclusive. Any situation not specifically covered herein will be resolved by the administration in accordance with the general intent and purpose of the code. With changing styles, the administration reserves the right to add non-approved clothing to this list at any time.

ENFORCEMENT

Dress code enforcement begins at home. Parents have the primary responsibility of making sure their children understand and adhere to the dress code and arrive at school appropriately dressed and groomed. By enrolling their children in CCS, parents agree to support the dress code policy and reinforce the school's position when questions arise.

If a student comes to school, or at any time during school is in violation of the dress code, the following will occur:

- **Minor Offenses** - Violations that are simply remedied (such as removing a hat or buttoning a shirt), are non-habitual, and show no sign of disrespect will result in a verbal warning.
- **First Offense** - The teacher/teacher's assistant will discuss the infraction with the student and ask the student to remedy the situation if possible. Parents will be notified by note or e-mail of the first dress code offense.
- **Additional Offenses** - The student will be sent to the office and the parents will be contacted by telephone. Parents will be asked to bring appropriate clothing to school immediately. The student will not return to class until the violation has been remedied. Class work will be completed in the office and missed tests will be rescheduled at the teacher's convenience. Parent conferences will be scheduled if needed.