

PARTICULARS OF DRESS CODE

Emerging from our stated philosophy of dress is the following list of particulars. This code represents an expression of this philosophy which Cortland Christian Academy has deemed to be appropriate for the school setting. Aside from the obvious principles of modesty and function, this dress code has been crafted to create the image we wish to portray, to leave the kind of first impression we wish to make and demonstrate the level of respect we wish to communicate.

GENERAL – BOYS AND GIRLS

1. Tee-shirts, jersey-styled shirts or tank tops are **NOT** acceptable school dress.
2. Only the top button of a shirt with a button front may be left unbuttoned when worn alone.
3. Hand-sized logos, emblems and graphics may appear on shirts. Students should exercised discernment in the messages that may be associated with a logo, graphic or designer label.
4. Pullover “hoodies” are **NOT** acceptable school dress. Crew-necked and zip sweatshirts are permissible for school wear. Logos, emblems and graphics must comply with point 3 above.
5. Clothing and accessories that are excessively gaudy or faddish (as determined by the C.C.A. staff and administrator) are **NOT** acceptable for school wear.
6. Clothing that is oversized, excessively baggy, generally sloppy or in poor repair (frayed, torn, patched, soiled, etc.) is **NOT** acceptable school dress.
7. Camouflage clothing in any color scheme is **NOT** acceptable school dress.
8. Outer wear jackets may **NOT** be worn during the school day.
9. Hair must be maintained in a traditional or classic cut. Hair coloring must be in the range of naturally occurring human hair colors.
10. Backpacks may **NOT** be used by middle-school and high school students as they go from class to class.

11. Dress or casual shoes, sneakers and sandals in good repair are acceptable for school wear. All shoes must have either a full or manufactured strap back except as noted below. Flip-flops are **NOT** acceptable.
12. Students must wear appropriate socks or hosiery except as noted below.

BOYS:

HAIR GROOMING -

1. Hair must be trimmed so as **NOT** to be shaggy or bushy. It must be maintained off of the ears, off of the collar of a dress shirt and above the eyebrows.
2. Students must be clean-shaven. Facial hair is not permitted. Sideburns may **NOT** extend below the bottom of the earlobe.

BOYS SHIRTS -

1. Dress shirts or casual pullovers (collared, crew neck or turtleneck) are acceptable school dress.
2. Tailed shirts must be tucked in.

BOYS PANTS -

1. **Grades K-6** - Dress pants, Dockers/Khakis, or Denims other than blue (jeans) are acceptable for school wear.
2. **Grades 7-12** - Dress or Dress Casual Pants (Dockers/Khakis) are acceptable school dress. **NO** denims regardless of color are to be worn.
3. Low-riding pants that expose boxers/underwear while standing, sitting, walking or playing are **NOT** acceptable for school wear.
4. Sweat pants, wind pants, warm-up pants, “scrubs”, pajama pants and shorts are **NOT** acceptable school dress.

BOYS ACCESSORIES -

1. Hats, caps, “do-rags” sunglasses, headbands, bandannas, may **NOT** be worn during the school day and should be removed upon entering the building.
2. Earrings, visible rings or studs in body piercings, visible tattoos and spiked jewelry or accessories are **NOT** permissible.
3. The use of make-up and nail polish is **NOT** permissible.

GIRLS GENERAL -

1. Dresses, jumpers, skirts/split skirts and blouses are acceptable for school wear. Split skirts must have the look of a skirt when standing and walking. Denim is an acceptable fabric, except as noted below.
2. Dress/Skirt length must be to the top of the knee both when standing or sitting. This includes dresses or skirts that are worn over leggings.
3. Slits may **NOT** extend more than 1 inch above the top of the knee.
4. Strapless or Spaghetti-strapped items may **NOT** be worn alone.
5. Clothing that exposes undergarments are **NOT** acceptable for school wear. This includes (but is not limited to) items that are excessively sheer, ride low on the shoulders or have scooping or plunging necklines or that gape at the neck or arm openings.
6. Clothing that bares the midriff when sitting, bending over or reaching up is **NOT** acceptable for school wear. This includes low-riding skirts or slacks and short-waisted tops.
7. Tailed shirts should be tucked in unless they are designated to be worn out or are part of a layered ensemble
8. Items that are excessively tight and form-fitting are **NOT** acceptable for school wear.

GIRLS SEASONAL -

1. Warm Weather:

From the beginning of school through the end of September and from the May 1 through the end of school, the wearing of socks or hosiery is optional. During this same period of time backless/strapless shoes, sneakers or sandals may be worn. Flip-flops are **NOT** an acceptable option, however.

2.Cold Weather:

During the months of January and February (and at other times by administrative announcement), dress slacks are permissible. They may **NOT** be denim of any color. Sweat pants, warm-up pants, “scrubs”, pajama pants and tight, form-fitting styles are **NOT** acceptable.

GIRLS ACCESSORIES -

1. Hats, caps, or bandannas, “do-rags” and sunglasses may **NOT** worn during the school day. Headbands or kerchiefs worn for hair control purposes or head coverings worn for religious reasons are permissible.
2. Excessive ear piercings, visible rings or studs in body piercings, visible tattoos, and spiked jewelry or accessories are **NOT** permissible.

CHAPEL AND GAME DAY (Team Members)

1. Standard collared dress shirts and ties for boys.
2. Cargo pants are **NOT** acceptable for boys or girls (cold weather).
3. **NO** denim for girls.

No dress code can fully anticipate new styles and fashions to be introduced or trends and fads that may arise. The philosophy of dress provides the template by which such developments are evaluated.

Violations of this dress code are tracked through a system of warnings and demerits. Gross violations or patterns of repetitive violations may result in isolation, in-school suspension or parents being requested to come to school and take corrective measures.