



MIDDLE/HIGH DRESS CODE 2011-2012

THREE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPALS UNDERLYING CCA's DRESS CODE:

1. The CCA Dress Code is conducted in accordance with the foundational principles of CCA's Community Life Statement, providing Concord Christian Academy students the opportunity to grow in wisdom as they make choices about their personal attire; thus CCA does not require a uniform for its students but does provide a unicode.
2. Honoring God and our neighbors with modest clothing choices is a biblical imperative (1 Timothy 2:9 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31-32 ~ Romans 12:10 ~ Philippians 2:3-4); therefore we restrict student clothing choices to those that are appropriately modest and considerate.
3. Concord Christian Academy is a place that intentionally respects and requires serious work; therefore clothing must in no way distract from that work, but in fact should reinforce it. Accordingly, for the school day and for school activities, the Academy requires that students wear clothing that is suitable for a work environment, modest, neat, clean, properly sized, and without holes, rips, patches or frayed/ragged ends.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines offer some clarity to the definitions of "suitable, modest, neat and clean."

Acceptable for Young Men

- Must wear a shirt with a collar. Shirts include polo shirts and turtlenecks. Oxford-style or dress button down shirts may also be worn. May wear suits, blazers, sport coats, and ties. Dress code shirts must fit comfortably and completely cover midriff and back at all times with no visible underwear.
- Must wear cotton or cotton blend docker-like pants or cargo pants. May also wear docker-like, golf, or cargo-style shorts during warm weather (no sports shorts). Belts are not normally required however, pants must be fitted enough to stay at waist line or a belt is then required.
- Must wear sneakers or casual dress shoes. All foot ware must have secure backing as required by health and safety standards, no flip/flops are permitted.
- May wear cardigan or v-neck sweater, CCA sweatshirt, CCA Athletic jacket, CCA fleece vest or CCA fleece jacket over an approved dress code collared shirt. Only CCA approved and branded Spirit Wear is permitted. **Effective January 3, 2012**
- Hair is to be worn in a neatly groomed, masculine style, not touching the eyebrows or the collar, and neatly trimmed at the top of the ear. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed at all times.
- No earrings.

Acceptable for Young Women

- Must wear shirts/blouses with a collar. Shirts include polo shirts, turtlenecks, and button down dress shirts. The necklines of blouses, shirts, and dresses must be modest. The guideline is that they should be **no lower than the width of three fingers from the base of the neck**, but modesty is the ultimate criterion. Spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Must wear cotton or cotton blend docker-like pants or dress pants. May also wear Capri pants (hem below the knee) during warm weather. **Note:** It is necessary to pay particular attention to the purchase of pants for young ladies. The fashion trend tends towards hip style pants that low rise as well as tight fitting pants.

- May also wear modest fitting dresses and skirts (length touches the knee).
- May wear sneakers, casual dress shoes or sandals with backing. All footwear must have a secure backing as required by health and safety standards, no flip/flops are permitted. Sneakers are required for PE class.
- May wear cardigan or v-neck or cardigan sweater, CCA sweatshirt, CCA Athletic jacket, CCA fleece vest or CCA fleece jacket over an approved dress code collared shirt. Only CCA approved and branded spirit wear is permitted. **Effective January 3, 2012**
- CCA athletes must wear CCA approved and branded athletic wear for game days.
- Natural-looking make-up is acceptable.

Not Acceptable for Young Men and Women

- T-shirts other than CCA t-shirts, tank tops, jerseys.
- Jeans, jean-style pants, cut offs, sleepwear, athletic pants/warm ups/wind pants* of any sort. These include, but are not limited to, flannel pants, sweatpants, spandex leggings, or anything similar.
- ‘Grunge’, ‘Gothic’, risqué, bizarre, unnatural or distracting hair coloring, make-up, accessories or clothing.
- Fatigues, military attire, camouflage, work uniforms such as scrubs, or overalls.
- Visible body piercings, tongue rings, tattoos, skin ornamentation, etc.
- Hats worn indoors.
- The wearing of colors or clothing which tend to establish a subgroup of students which is partially inclusive or partially exclusive of others.

Attire for Formal Occasions (Concerts, Awards)

- The Academy requires formal dress on special occasions: Formal Dress for young women includes a dress, dress blouse and black/navy knee length skirt, dress slacks. Formal Dress for young men includes oxford button down dress shirt, docker style pants with a belt, and coordinating tie.
- Concert dress for young women includes white dress blouse and black dress slacks.
- Concert dress for young men includes white oxford/dress shirt, black docker style pants with a belt, and a coordinating tie.

PE Dress Code

- * Must wear CCA regular dress code or CCA Spirit Wear including CCA athletic pants/warm ups/wind pants. Sneakers and socks must be worn to PE.

Consequences

- Parents will be called to bring in appropriate attire if students are observed out of dress code.
- Students who repeatedly fail to honor these dress code standards will not be allowed to attend classes at CCA until dressed appropriately in CCA dress code standards.

Purchase Options

Parents and students may determine where and from whom they will purchase their clothing. Athletic pants/warm ups/wind pants and CCA Spirit Wear will be provided through online ordering via the CCA website links.

Dean’s Discretion

Other attire may be declared acceptable for certain activities, e.g., field trips, Friday ski days, Spirit Week, jeans days, community service days, etc., as deemed appropriate by the Dean.