



ELEMENTARY 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 as definitions of "suitable, modest, neat, and clean:"

Acceptable for Boys and Girls

- CCA Spirit wear is acceptable every day.
- Must wear a shirt (or a blouse for girls) with a collar even if outerwear partially or fully covers it; this includes polo shirts with sleeves and turtlenecks. Dress code shirt must comfortably and completely cover midriff and back at all times with no visible underwear.
- **Must wear sneakers and socks daily to school.** Since all elementary children have PE and or recess daily, this fulfills health and safety guidelines protecting children from foot, ankle and back injuries. **Clogs, flip flops, sandals are not permitted.**
- Must wear solid colored cotton or cotton blend, docker-like or cargo pants.
- May wear a cardigan or V-neck sweater. CCA sweatshirt, CCA fleece vest or CCA fleece jacket. A polo shirt or turtleneck must be worn with CCA sweatshirts, CCA fleece vests, and CCA fleece jackets. A CCA branded t-shirt may be worn on jeans day. **Effective January 3, 2012**

Specifics for Boys

- May wear knee-length, cotton or cotton blend docker-like or cargo shorts during warm weather.
- Hair is to be worn in a neatly-groomed, masculine style, not touching the eyebrows or collar, and neatly trimmed at the top of the ear.
- No earrings are permitted.

Specifics for Girls

- May wear Capri pants with the hem below the knee during warm weather.
- May wear Bermuda dress shorts during warm weather.
- May wear modest length skorts during warm weather.
- May wear skirts or solid colored jumpers (length touching the knee)

Note: Shorts should be worn under jumpers for recess and physical education.

- No make-up.
- One small pair of pierced earrings may be worn.

Attire for Formal Occasions

- The Academy requires formal dress on special occasions.
- Formal dress for boys includes a solid colored dress shirt, optional tie, black or navy slacks, optional dress shoes, and socks.
- For girls, formal dress includes a knee length jumper, skirt and blouse, or a dress, with socks or tights (stockings are optional), dress shoes with heels up to 1 inch high. Skirt, jumper and dress length needs to be touching the knee.
- Clothing is to be clean, pressed, and in good repair.

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. All elementary dress code apparel can be purchased locally in Concord at the Sears, JC Penny, Burlington Coat Factory, or online from Lands End, JC Penny, or French Toast. Spirit wear will be provided by a local vendor.

Dean's Discretion

Other attire may be declared acceptable for certain activities, e.g., spirit week, etc., as deemed appropriate by the Dean.