

# Dress Code Policy

## ***Student Dress & Appearance***

Concord Christian Academy has implemented a dress code policy to promote academic excellence and wholesome values. CCA Administration works in partnership with parents to promote these values. The policy provides a framework to foster character development as students grow in wisdom and make decisions regarding personal attire. CCA encourages clothing that is appropriate in the classroom and considerate of the school community. The standard of appearance is not designed to measure a student's spirituality or define boundaries for a student's lifestyle.

## ***Disclaimer***

CCA Administration has the authority to make final determinations regarding appropriate apparel. Administration has discreet authority to make modifications or exceptions to the dress code policy as conditions warrant. The policy will remain in effect during regular school hours unless express permission is provided by CCA Administration. At the discretion of the Administration, Dress Code policy is altered during Spirit Week, field trips, community service days, and Friday ski days as needed.

## ***General Dress/Appearance Standards for All Students***

- **General appearance** – Clothing must be neat, clean, properly sized, and without holes, rips, patches or excessive frayed/ragged ends. Undergarments must not be visible and revealing necklines are not permitted.
- **CCA Gear** – CCA Gear creates an atmosphere of unity within our school community and is strongly encouraged. CCA Gear must not be altered in any way. CCA Gear is permitted during school hours.
- **Shirts** – **All shirts must cover the chest/cleavage, stomach, and back.** Shirts and sweatshirts must not display any writing or images. Brand logos are permitted.
  - Boys must wear shirts with sleeves.
  - Girls must wear appropriate shirts that cover the shoulders. Shirts with large necklines may not be plunging or revealing and must remain on both shoulders at all times.
- **Shorts, skirts, and capris** – Clothing length must not be shorter than three inches from the top of the knee cap. Shorts and girl's capris are permitted during the school year with the exception of elementary students who are restricted to quarters one and four of the school year. Athletic shorts are not permitted. (Due to recess, PE, and other activities, girls are encouraged to wear leggings or bike shorts under skirts. For elementary students it is required.)

- **Pants** – Dress or casual pants are permitted; belts are not required. Blue jeans, athletic pants, sweatpants, flannel pants, yoga pants, leggings or anything similar are not permitted. No low-riding pants and exposed undergarments.
- **Shoes** – Footwear must be worn at all times. Elementary students must wear sneakers or other closed-toe shoes and socks. Sneakers are required for PE class.
- **Hair** – Hair must be neatly groomed and clean. Extreme hairstyles and extreme color are not permitted. Boys are expected to maintain a short haircut. Hats, caps, hoods, and bandanas are not permitted during school hours.
- **Accessories** – Girls may wear earrings (ears only); boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Additional piercings are not permitted. Tattoos must not be exposed during school hours or when participating in school related functions.
- **Make-up for Girls** – Middle School and High School students are permitted to wear conservative and appropriate make-up; elementary students are not permitted to wear make-up.
- **Dress Down Day (Fridays)** – In addition to regular dress code attire, students are permitted to wear blue jeans, athletic pants, and appropriately–messed t-shirts and sweatshirts. No athletic shorts permitted.
- **Athletes** – Athletes may wear CCA approved and branded athletic warm ups on game days.

### ***Elementary Formal Events***

- **Girls** – Formal dress, jumper, or skirt and blouse must be appropriate for the event and length must comply with school dress code policy (no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee cap.) Socks or tights should accompany appropriate dress shoes with optional high heels, not to exceed one inch in height.
- **Boys** – Solid-colored dress shirt, optional tie, and black or navy pants must be appropriate for the event. Dress or casual shoes and socks are encouraged.

### ***Middle School and High School Formal Events***

- **Girls** – Formal dress and skirt must be appropriate for the event and length must comply with school dress code policy (no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee cap when kneeling.) Additional specifications will be defined for the actual event. Please refrain from the following styles: strapless, backless, exposed stomachs, and revealing necklines. **Formal attire** includes a blouse and black/navy skirt or dress pants. **Concert attire** to be determined.

- **Boys** – Attire must be appropriate for the event and may include suit or tuxedo as specified for the actual event. At minimum, boys should wear an oxford shirt, dress pants, coordinating tie, and belt; a suit coat is encouraged. Concert dress includes white oxford/dress shirt, black pants, belt, and coordinating tie.

### ***Infractions and Redress***

Middle School and High School students in violation of the dress code policy will be asked to change clothing or request a parent to bring appropriate clothing to school. If this is not possible, the school will attempt to provide a change of clothing for the student to return to class. A demerit will be issued for the offense.