## **Dress Code Policy**

The purpose of the uniform and dress code is to ensure an educational environment without unnecessary distractions and for our standard of excellence to be reflected in our appearance. This dress code applies to all students in Pre-Kindergarten through high school.

Skirts, Skorts, Capri, Jumpers, Pants or Shorts: Solid navy, gray, black, or khaki. No athletic shorts or nylon material.

○ Length of shorts, skirts, dress or skorts: Cannot be shorter than three inches above the student's knee and must not be form-fitting. For Lower School students only: shorts or leggings should be worn underneath skirts.

Form-fitting, skin-tight pants such as leggings, jeggings, skinny-style pants, yoga pants and tights may not be substituted for uniform pants.

 $2^{nd}$  grade  $-12^{th}$  grade must wear a belt if loops are present - any color solid belt without decorations (glitter, gems, etc.).

**Dresses:** Lower School girls may wear a school uniform-style polo dress. Any color uniform-style polo dress is acceptable. Please wear shorts or leggings underneath polo dresses. No neon.

Collared Polo Style Shirt (long or short sleeve): Any solid color, collared polo style shirt can be worn. The exception is bright or florescent colors, patterns, or stripes. At least one button must be buttoned to ensure modesty and the shirt must not be too tight. The shirt must be tucked in at all times. If there is a logo or design present on the shirt it must be no larger than 2"x 2". If you question whether the color is too bright, then please err on the side of caution and choose another color.

**Jackets, Under-shirts & Sweaters:** Must be mostly a solid color. No neon or patterns. Cannot have words or pictures on it and any logo cannot be larger than 2" x 2". CCA hoodies and Jackets can always be worn.

**Shoes & shoelaces:** a sturdy, comfortable, non-skid, enclosed shoe. No boots or shoes that have a high heel on them. Boots need to be concealed under pants (not worn with shorts or skirts). Can be <u>any</u> color, except neon or bright, distracting colors. No patterns on the shoes or laces (leopard, polka dots, stripes, etc.). Shoes must be worn with socks, peds or hosiery for sanitary reasons. No light-up shoes.

Socks, tights, leggings (worn under skirts or dresses in Lower School) or hosiery: Can be <u>any</u> length and <u>any</u> SOLID color, except neon or bright, distracting colors and must be worn in matching pairs.

**Hair:** Hair must be kept groomed and clean and may not go below the eyebrow (or be in the eyes). Boys' hair may not touch the collar of the shirt when standing. Facial hair must be neat and kept groomed. No Mohawks, hair coloring, hair streaking or other hair styles that are distracting.

**Jewelry and Accessories:** Should not be a distraction to the student wearing it or the classmates. Permanent or temporary body art (including piercings and tattoos) is not permitted. No hats or gloves, unless outside.

**PE:** If a child is wearing shoes that the PE teacher feels may be unsuitable for the activity, the child will be asked to sit out and may lose a class participation grade for the day. Students can bring a pair of shoes appropriate for PE to change into. Students can also change into a solid t-shirt and shorts if desired. You must still follow the shoe policy listed above.

**Lost Items:** Please label your child's clothing, backpacks, and lunch boxes. The school cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced items. Please contact the school office to see if a lost item has been turned in.

Dress Down/Spirit Day/House Color Day: The student can wear clothing of their choosing. This is a special privilege. However, modesty, appropriate length and body art policies still apply. Sandals and flip flops are allowed. Please minimize distractions with your clothing and accessories. Please bring a change of clothes or shoes if your child has a class requiring physical activity. Your child will not be allowed to participate in classes requiring physical activity if not dressed appropriately-this is for safety!

Dress Down passes may only be used on Fridays, excluding Chapel days. If you aren't participating in a House Day or Spirit day, then you need to wear the uniform dress code.

**Dollar Day Pass:** The last Wednesday of every month is a Dollar Day. Students may purchase a "pass" for \$10.00 at the beginning of the school year to participate. If a student does not purchase an annual pass, then that student must wear their regular uniform.

What can I wear?

PK-8: Christian T-shirt~ Students wear their regular school approved uniform bottoms and may wear a Christian t-shirt or a CCA t-shirt. Please continue to observe all other dress code policies.

9-12: Dress Down~ Students wear clothing of their choosing. However, modesty, appropriate length, and body art policies still apply. Sandals and flip-flops are allowed. No hats (unless pre-approved). Please minimize distractions with your clothing and accessories. Form-fitting, skin-tight pants such as leggings, jeggings, skinny style pants and yoga pants and tights may not be worn.

Can I lose my Dollar Day privilege? Yes. Students that violate the dress code policy will lose the privilege of Dollar Day and will NOT have their money refunded.

**Off Campus Activities/Field Trips:** Students may wear a CCA shirt with dress down approved bottoms. Please follow the dress code in all other areas unless specifically addressed.

**♡**Please keep in mind the "spirit" of this policy. If it's not specifically addressed here, you can assume it is not approved. The administration reserves the right to address issues in clear violation of the "spirit" of this policy and may deem it appropriate to issue a violation.

## Violation of the Dress Code Policy

Violations are counted per semester.

Violation #1 Electronic notification sent

Violation #2 Possible loss of privilege of one Dress Down/Christian t-shirt Day/Spirit day.

Violation #3 Dress down/Christian t-shirt Day /Spirit privilege may be revoked for the rest of the school year.

Any further violations will result in an infraction (See Family Infraction Policy).

\*If necessary, the parent may need to bring compliant clothing to the school for the student to change into.

\*Chronic violations may result in suspension as outlined in the Discipline Policy.