

DRESS CODE

A Special Note to Parents: Cornerstone Christian Academy students are a reflection of both the Lord Jesus Christ and the Academy. "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Neatness, modesty, and cleanliness are the core attributes promoted by the dress code. Because no dress code could possibly cover every possible attire, any student attire deemed inappropriate by a supervising adult is subject to dress code violation. Students who are in violation of the dress code may be sent home. Cornerstone reserves the right to require students to conform to the dress code before entering class. Students are expected to maintain CCA dress code expectations throughout the school day, and during AfterCare, if student is staying on campus. Please read the entire uniform dress code section very carefully. Parents of girls need to support CCA in seeing that young ladies makes appropriate and modest dress selections. CCA does not dismiss Biblical standards for expressed difficulty in finding something appropriate or for the willful desire of a student to reject the standard for herself. As a Christian school, CCA expects school functions to be distinctly marked by Biblical standards.

General Notes:

- All articles of clothing are expected to be maintained or replaced if damaged beyond repair.
- K4 and K5 students are not required to be in uniform. Modest dress is left to parents' discretion.
- Only the navy/green plaid skirts or jumpers for girls must be purchased from Schoolbelles.

Academic Day Dress Code

(Applicable from arrival until the end of the school day, and during AfterCare, if the student remains on campus)

- Bottoms:
 - *Pants:* Casual/dress slacks are required (no outside pockets, no skinny style). Denim, inappropriately oversized, tight, or sagging pants are prohibited, as are pants with outside pockets. Colors for all will be limited to black, navy, or khaki. Black, navy, or brown belts must be worn at all times. Pants are to be worn at the waist. If a student is unable to do so, he will be sent home. Pants must not be skin tight, but should fit appropriately loosely for normal movement. If a student is unable to do so, he or she will be sent home.
 - *Shorts:* Uniform shorts are acceptable for Grades 1-5, worn only from May 1 to October 1. The shorts should resemble dress code pants in style and color – only shorter. As with pants, shorts must not have exterior pockets. Acceptable colors are black, navy, or khaki.
 - *Skirts:* Two-kick pleat, pleat kilt and split skirt styles are approved in solid khaki, navy, or the Schoolbelles navy/green plaid. Skirts will not be tight or inappropriately oversized. The length of the skirt may be no shorter than the crease of the back of the knee. When purchasing, make appropriate provisions for student growth through the school year. Girls who are not wearing the appropriate length skirt may be sent home to change or not permitted to attend class until in dress code. A skirt which is rolled up to be out-of-code length will be considered out of dress code and dealt with accordingly.
 - *Jumpers:* Girls in grades 1 – 5 may wear navy or khaki jumpers in any style with the same length requirements as for skirts. They may also wear the Schoolbelles navy/green plaid jumpers. Girls are required to wear camisoles or the equivalent under blouses when not wearing a jumper.
- Tops:
 - *Shirts:* Collared, button-down dress shirts are permitted in white, light blue, French blue or blue pinstripe. Boys may wear solid, black dress shirts on chapel days. Only the top button may be left unbuttoned. All other buttons, including those on the collar should be kept buttoned. Polo shirts or

turtlenecks may be worn in white, black, light blue, navy blue or royal blue, cream, red, maroon, gray, and dark green. All shirts must be tucked into pants all day. If the shirt is not long enough to be kept tucked in, it cannot be worn.

- *Under shirts:* Students are not permitted to wear long sleeve shirts underneath short sleeve shirts, creating a “layered” look. Solid colored t-shirts in dress code colors are permitted under school shirts.
- *Sweaters:* Dress sweaters are permitted in the following styles: long-sleeve, V-neck or crewneck pullovers; V-neck cardigan; and sleeveless V-neck sweater vests. Acceptable colors are light or navy blue, black, white, cream, red, maroon, gray, and dark green. All sweaters should be solid colors; no stripes or patterns. NO hooded sweaters. Sweaters must be worn over an in-code shirt. No sweatshirts.
- *Sports Warm-Up Jackets:* CCA warm-up jackets may be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. They must be worn over an in-code shirt.
- *Ties:* On chapel days, boys must wear ties that are either solid navy blue, or solid red, or red-white-and-blue striped, with an approved button-down shirt. The ties must be worn traditionally, with all shirt buttons buttoned and the tie knotted no lower than the base of the neck throughout the day. Bow ties are permissible in colors listed above.

- **Footwear:**

- *Socks:*
 - Girls: Socks/tights must be worn at all times. Socks are acceptable in low-cut, ankle-length, or knee-high socks styles. Nylons or tights without patterns or designs are permitted. Acceptable colors are SOLID ONLY light or navy blue, cream, grey, white, dark green, black, maroon, or khaki. Leggings are prohibited.
 - Boys: Boys must wear solid colored socks at all times. Acceptable colors are SOLID ONLY light or navy blue, cream, grey, white, dark green, black, maroon, or khaki.
- *Shoes:* Only black, brown, or navy dress shoes are permitted; topsider (Sperry) style shoes are acceptable. Slip-on dress shoes are required in grades 1-3. No athletic shoes, sandals, boots or moccasins.

Grooming & Accessories: (Applies to all school activities)

- **Boys:**

- *Hair:* Hair must be kept well-groomed and neat, above the eyebrows and off the base of the collar; ears should be mostly visible. Braided hair for boys is permitted provided it is kept neat and within the length requirements. Ribbons and colored bands or ornaments are not permitted. No hair coloring that is unnatural is permitted, determined at the discretion of the Administration. Severe or extreme hairstyles, including shaved head, spiked hairdos, or any other faddish or punk culture styles, are not permitted.
- *Facial hair:* All boys must be clean-shaven unless excused by a doctor in writing.
- *Hats:* No hats, caps, do rags, or head scarves of any kind in school, even on Patriot or dress-down days.
- *Jewelry:* Boys are not permitted to wear any earrings, necklaces, or metal chains while in attendance at any CCA related event. Bracelets may be worn discreetly as long as they are not a distraction, determined at the discretion of the Administration.
- *Tattoos/body piercing:* Tattoos/body piercing (visible or not) may result in expulsion. Temporary or “ink/pen” tattoos are not permitted.

- **Girls:**

- *Hair:* Hair must be neat in appearance with natural hair color. Natural highlights are acceptable. No hair coloring that is unnatural is permitted, determined at the discretion of the Administration. Spiked hairdos, faddish, or punk-culture styles are not acceptable.

- *Make Up*: Cosmetics will be used in a modest manner.
- *Jewelry*: Jewelry worn to school must be moderate in style. Earrings of any kind will be limited to two per ear – no gauges. No heavy metal chains.
- *Tattoos/body piercing*: No body piercing or tattoos are permitted. Tattoos or body piercings (visible or not) may result in expulsion. Temporary or “ink/pen” tattoos are not permitted.

Gym Class

K4-4th grade students will not change their clothing for physical education classes, but must have athletic shoes to wear on those days. Girls must wear dress code appropriate pants on the days they will have a PE special class.

All CCA 5th grade, middle school and high school students taking physical education classes must purchase a gym clothing package from the office before class begins. This package includes a t-shirt and appropriate shorts for use during class periods. Each package costs \$15. Students may pass along/reuse their gym clothing after physical education classes have concluded, but they will not be counted as dressed unless they are in CCA gym attire.

Chapel Dress

On chapel days, boys must wear ties that are either solid navy blue, or solid red, or red-white-and-blue striped, with an approved button-down shirt, and their uniform pants. Bow ties are permissible in the colors listed above. The ties must be worn traditionally, with all shirt buttons buttoned and the tie knotted no lower than the base of the neck throughout the day. Girls are to wear their school uniforms. No dress down passes can be used on Chapel days.

“Dress Down Days”

Casual Dress Days: On these days students may wear modest casual clothing in keeping with the philosophy of Cornerstone’s dress code. Jeans or uniform pants only are permitted. No shorts, sweats, yoga pants, warm-up pants, flip-flops, sandals, or hats may be worn at any time in school without prior consent of the Administration. Any and all restrictions concerning jewelry, hair, makeup, sagging pants, punk or faddish attire, etc. remain unaffected by the granting of casual dress privileges.

Patriot Dress Days: Students may wear modest casual clothing provided they wear at least one article of Patriot gear from the Patriot clothing line (shirt, sports jersey, sweatshirt, etc. *excluding hats and shorts*) on those days specifically announced as Patriot Dress Days. These occur from time to time throughout the school year.

Varsity sports teams are permitted and expected to dress-up (coats and ties for boys, modest church-style apparel for girls) on the days their team is participating in a playoff game, but not for regular season games.