

## DRESS CODE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS *Revised August 2010*

The dress code identifies all clothing types which are allowed. Clothing types not specifically identified here as acceptable should be considered unacceptable. Any clothing that is in question should be brought to the office for review before it is worn. The dress code is in effect from the time students enter the building until the dismissal bell.

**SLACKS/PANTS:** Uniform style slacks/pants (girls have the option of a skirt/jumper) must be worn each day. Uniform style slacks meet the following standards:

- full length, with or without belt loops, with or without cuffs, with or without pleats
- up to four waist pockets: 1) no patch pockets (pockets must have an inside seam); 2) additional coin pockets are acceptable
- does not include: sweat, stretch, athletic, carpenter pants, Capri's, denim or jeans
- cannot be immodestly tight
- a belt or suspenders must be worn if belt loops are present (not required for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and below)
- are not low riding (see diagram)
- all colors are permitted

Diagram: The dotted line represents the approximate top of the hip bone. Below this is considered "low-riding".



**TOPS/SHIRTS:** A polo shirt (collared with buttons) or a dress shirt must be worn each day. All students must have a navy blue CLA polo shirt. A dress shirt meets the following standards:

- short or long sleeved (no cap sleeves)
- collared and buttoned down from the neck (must be buttoned from the collar bone down)
- cannot be immodestly tight or see-through
- must be long enough to stay tucked in; must remain tucked in during the entire school day
- jean type, flannel and camouflage are not permitted
- a turtle neck may be worn under a top that meets the above standards, but the top must remain buttoned as described above. Clothing cannot be layered with a longer sleeved undergarment worn underneath a shorter sleeved top.
- all colors and prints are permitted; a black top cannot be worn with black slacks/skirt.
- students may wear a dressy vest, a dressy non-hooded sweater (both must come down over the waistband). A blazer or a CLA fleece are permitted. These must be worn **over** a shirt/top which meets dress code standards for tops. The collar of the shirt/top must be visible.

**SKIRTS/JUMPERS:** Skirts and jumpers must be worn with a top as described above.

- low riding skirts will not be permitted (see diagram);
- skirts and jumpers must come no higher than the middle of the knee (they should touch the ground in a kneeling position). Slits can come no higher than the middle of the knee. Slits must be sewn and not pinned.
- cannot be immodestly tight or see-through
- all colors are permitted
- skirts/jumpers material may not be denim, corduroy or camouflage; only solid colors are permitted.

**SHOES/SOCKS:** Shoes must be clean and in good repair. Girls must wear hose, ankle socks, knee socks,

or leotards. Pump shoes (with a narrow heel) and hose may only be worn by girls in seventh grade and up. Shower / beach style flip flops are not permitted. Sport or athletic (Teva style) sandals are not acceptable. Socks must come over the ankle. No fishnet stockings are permitted. No leggings or long underwear type of stockings may be worn.

**SLOPPY CLOTHING**, oversized clothing, clothing that is too tight or revealing or clothing worn inside out is not permitted. Clothing that is frayed or torn is not acceptable.

**BELTS and ORNAMENTAL WEAR:** Belts must be of the proper length - ends may not hang down below the belt line. Belts, bracelets or other apparel with studs, spikes, chains or other similar structures are not permitted. Hats, bandanas and handkerchiefs are not permitted.

**WORDS/NUMBERS:** Clothing is not to contain wording or numbers except CLA insignias. Small manufacturer's tags are permitted.

**WARM WEAR:** Students may wear a dressy, non-hooded sweater (both must come down over the waistband), a blazer or a CLA fleece. These may be worn *over* a shirt/top which meets dress code standards. The collar of the shirt/top must be visible. If a classroom is unacceptably cool, the teacher may give permission for outer wear to be worn. This permission is required on a class by class basis.

**UNDERGARMENTS** are not to be visible or noticeable at any time. Low riding slacks/skirts are not acceptable.

**EXTREME HAIRCUTS**, styles or coloring may be deemed unacceptable at the discretion of the principal.

**TATTOOS/PIERCINGS:** Tattoos are strongly discouraged. Tattoos (including non-permanent tattoos), body painting, or drawing are not to be visible at any time during school hours or when a student is representing the school at any function. Girls may wear earrings. Nose rings, tongue rings, lip rings, or other body piercing jewelry of any sort may not be worn at any time during school hours or when a student is representing the school at any function. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings, including pegs, at any time during school hours or when representing the school at any function. Boys are not to color their fingernails or wear make-up.

**BOYS HAIR** is to be off the collar in a sitting posture. Hair is to be no longer than the bottom of the ear when hanging freely over the ears (the bottom of the ear must be visible) Hair cannot be over the eyes. Students in violation of the hair length code will have up to three calendar days (including the day of the notice) to correct the problem. Students must be clean shaven; no beards, moustaches, or sideburns below the ears are permitted. Students who are not clean shaven will be given a dress code violation; they will be given a disposable razor and shaving cream and required to shave immediately.

**CASUAL DRESS CODE** Casual dress code **MAY BE PERMITTED** for field trips and special activities. Casual dress includes neat pants, jeans, or shorts that are hemmed (not more than 5" above the middle of the knee in a kneeling position). Clothing may not contain any questionable verbiage or graphics. Tank tops, muscle shirts, midriffs, and sweat pants are not acceptable. Modesty standards will be enforced at all school activities.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS** Gym clothes are required for all students, 1-12. This includes loose-fitting, blue sweat pants or shorts (no more than five inches above the knee), a regular CLA T-shirt (available in the office), athletic shoes with non-marking soles, and a sweatshirt (hooded if possible). Shorts must be hemmed. These will be required each gym day. A suitable gym bag or container will be helpful to carry and to store gym clothes. When buying athletic shoes, make sure the soles do not leave marks on floors.