

DRESS CODE FOR K-8TH GRADE

STANDARDS APPLYING TO BOYS AND GIRLS

CLA POLO SHIRT: All students will be responsible to purchase a navy blue school Polo shirt (with CLA insignia). Ordering information is available in the office. These shirts may be worn on any normal or casual dress day (your choice) and may be required on Chapel days and for special school activities. They must be tucked in when worn.

SHOES/SOCKS: Shoes must be clean and in good repair. Shower / beach style flip flops are not permitted. Sport or athletic (Teva style) sandals are not acceptable. Socks are to be worn each day. Socks must come over the ankle. Only girls seventh grade and up may wear hose. Ankle socks, knee socks, or leotards are to be worn. Pump shoes (with a narrow heel) may only be worn by high school girls.

SLOPPY CLOTHING, oversized clothing, clothing that is too tight or revealing or worn inside out 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 CLA fleece or a non-hooded sweater. Ordering information is available in the office.

UNDERGARMENTS are not to be visible or noticeable at any time. Low riding slacks or skirts are not acceptable. Waist-fitting clothing must ride at the waist. Students should not layer clothing.

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

MAKE-UP should not be worn by elementary students.

SLACKS/PANTS: Uniform style slacks may 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 small coin pockets are acceptable
- does not include: sweat, stretch, athletic, corduroy, 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 2nd grade and below)
- are not low riding (see diagram)
- kindergarten and first grade students are urged to wear elastic waist (non- belt) pants
- navy blue, black, khaki and all shades of brown are the only colors permitted; only solid colors are permitted.

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



DRESS/SKIRT: Dresses or skirts/jumpers may be worn with a modest top, blazer or sweater. Dresses, skirts and jumpers must come no higher than the middle of the knee (should touch the ground in a kneeling position). There are no color stipulations on elementary dresses or skirts. Slits can come no higher than the middle of the knee. Slits higher must be sewn and not pinned. If belt loops are present a belt should be worn.

TOPS: All tops are to be buttoned modestly. They may not be low cut, sleeveless, form-fitting, or see-through. Tops that do not tuck in must not expose the stomach or back at any time.

DRESS CODE FOR BOYS:

SHIRT - A dress shirt or dressy sport shirt should be worn each day unless an alternative dress code is announced. A dress shirt is a collared, button-down shirt which is suitable to wear with a tie. A dressy sport shirt has a collar, sleeves (short or long) and a tab-front usually with buttons or a zipper. Shirts with a "Henley"-style neck and turtlenecks are acceptable. All shirts are to be tucked in.

EARRINGS/NAILS: Boys are not permitted to wear earrings, including pegs, at any time during school hours or when representing the school at any function. Nails are not to be colored.

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. Students must be clean shaven; no beards, moustaches, or sideburns below the ears are permitted. 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.

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, midriiffs, 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. This includes loose-fitting, blue sweat pants or shorts (not more than 5" above the middle of the knee in a kneeling position), 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 (some are labeled "non-marking").