

Carroll Christian Schools

DRESS CODE

INTRODUCTION

Please note that our uniform company is Lands' End. Our specific school uniform items can be viewed from our school website, www.carrollchristian.com. On the website, click on the "Info" tab and then click on "School Uniforms" to see approved items.

Patriot Wear items will be available from Lands' End and also through the Online Spirit Wear Store. The Spirit Store tab is also on the website under the "Info" tab. We also have some spirit wear items available in our PTO School Store.

Uniforms can be purchased from any manufacturer that has the uniform items as long as it meets the school guidelines.

GUIDELINES

1. The school uniform reduces competition between students about clothes and puts the proper emphasis on character and personality traits. It is designed to produce uniformity in the appearance of our student body.
2. Uniform school dress is to be observed at all times, both to and from school, and throughout the school day unless other instructions have been given from the school office. Students who change out of their school uniform to prepare for work or practices must follow school guidelines with their attire, and must have a valid reason to change before leaving campus.
3. Only CCS logos/emblems are permitted on sweaters, shirts, or jackets.
4. The students are permitted to wear non-uniform coats and jackets to school. Before entering homeroom, the articles must be taken off; otherwise, the student will be considered in violation of the dress code.
5. Students in K-12 who are out of dress code will be requested to immediately correct the dress code issue. Failure or inability to comply normally will result in students being given a "Notice." If it is a serious dress code infraction, the student will be sent to call their parents to correct the situation and may receive additional disciplinary action.
6. Students who repeatedly challenge the dress code will receive detentions and eventually suspensions.
7. When choosing white items, please choose pure white rather than off-white, oatmeal, or tan.

DRESS CODE FOR GIRLS K-12

****If there are any questions regarding the girls' dress code, please address them to the Assistant Administrator. She will be making all determinations when a girl is sent to the office for dress code issues.**

Standard Uniform:

1. Skirts:
 - a. Girls may wear khaki or navy skirts or jumpers.

- b. Skirts and jumpers must **touch the top of the knee**. It is recommended that skirts are purchased with lengths below the knee to allow for growth.
 - c. Skirts should be A-Line or Box Pleat.
 - d. Skirts may not be the wrap around style, form fitting or show undergarment lines.
 - e. Skirts are not to be rolled up at the waistband to make them shorter than the required length.
 - 1) **Rolling a skirt is a deliberate choice to go against the rules, therefore, discipline will be given for skirts that are rolled.**
 - f. Lands' End offers custom help with ordering the proper length with the proper waist size.
2. Shirts:
- a. **Polos and oxfords (long and short sleeve) must be navy, white, red or light blue without or with the CCS logo or the Patriot logo.**
 - b. Polos that sit at the hip neatly do not have to be tucked. If they are longer or are sloppy, they will need to be tucked. They must not be bloused excessively.
 - c. **Oxford shirts must be tucked in and buttoned all the way except the top button.**
 - d. **All Girls should wear appropriate** undergarments beneath their shirts to provide modesty. These should have no writing on them and should be white or nude colored to prevent any visible color from showing through the outer shirt.
 - e. Girls may wear turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks that are red, white, light blue, or navy under a shirt or jumper. These shirts should not be tight and do not need to have the school logo.
 - f. Long-sleeve t-shirts in red, white, navy or light blue may be worn **ONLY** under another school uniform shirt.
3. Outerwear:
- a. Girls may wear sweaters that are solid red, white, light blue, or navy. They can be button down, pullover, V-neck, or cardigan but not fleece or sweatshirt material. We encourage you to order these from Lands' End with the CCS logos.
 - b. Polos or oxford shirts must be worn under any sweatshirt, sweater, or "hoodie." **If a student is wearing a hoodie without a proper uniform shirt underneath and after the 4th offense they will lose their privilege to wear a hoodie for the remainder of the school year.**
 - c. Spirit Wear hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted.
 - 1) Hoodies must have a school logo on them. (no other are permitted)
 - 2) Hoodies and sweatshirts may not be worn during chapel.
 - 3) Hoods cannot be up when the student is inside the school building or on the bus. **Students who wear their hoods up inside the building will lose the privilege to wear a hoodie.**
4. Socks:
- a. Girls should wear white, black, khaki, navy blue, or red knee highs, crew socks, tights, or pantyhose. Socks must be visible. They may have a simple Nike swoosh, Reebok emblem, or Adidas logo but may not have any other lines or symbols on them. Leggings may be worn under the school uniform skirts when it is cold outside. Leggings must be white, black, navy, khaki, or red. Leggings cannot be worn without a skirt over them.

5. Shoes:

a. **Casual Shoes**

- 1) **Elementary students** may wear regular tennis shoes.
 - a) Squeakers, lights, wheels or any other hazards or distractions on the sneakers are prohibited.
- 2) **Secondary students** may wear casual shoes Keds/Vans style, Sperry topsiders and other business casual style shoes- brown, tan, red, white, black, navy, blue, and gray.
 - a) Shoes must have a back.
 - b) Shoes may have a heel that is not higher than 2".
 - c) Two tones of the listed shoe colors are permitted.
 - d) No Moccasins, clogs, crocs, and slipper-type shoes.
 - e) No High top shoes
 - f) No Boots may be worn with the regular school uniform.
 - g) A shoe that distracts from the overall uniform appearance will not be allowed. Seek Administration approval if uncertain.

b. **Dress Shoes- For Programs**

- 1) **All Students- regular dress shoes (Mary Janes, oxfords, or loafers with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown.**

6. Accessories:

- a. Hats, scarves, sunglasses, or head coverings of any kind may not be worn in the school building unless approved for a particular reason.
- b. Girls may wear no more than 3 earrings per ear at a time. These can be earlobe or cartilage rings. Earrings must not hang lower than 2 inches.
- c. Students may wear bracelets, but they should not be excessive in number. If a student wears too many or they become a distraction, the student will be asked to remove them.
- d. Body piercings, tattoos, drawing/writing on oneself, and ear gauging are not allowed.

7. Hair:

- a. Girls' hairstyles are to be conservative and avoid extremes and fads, such as shaving or trimming hair extremely close on sides and/or back, cutting short on one side and allowing the other side to be excessively long to cover the eyes. In general, the hair should not hang in the student's eyes.
- b. Girls should not have a boy's style haircut.
- c. The hair color must be a natural color (brown, blonde, black, or natural red). Hair may have natural color highlights but cannot have any coloring that is not natural looking.
- d. Certain styles such as ombre coloring may be pre-approved by the administrator.
- e. Hair should not be 2 contrasting colors (even if natural colors) without pre-approval.
- f. Tinsel in the hair is not allowed.

Girls Chapel Dress (K5-12th grades): **Optional**

1. **Girls may wear a navy or khaki skirt or jumper and an white or Blue oxford shirt.**
2. **Hoodies, jackets, team jackets, and sweatshirts may not be worn to chapel. Dress sweaters in a school color are allowed.**

DRESS CODE FOR BOYS K-12

Standard Uniform:

1. Pants:

- a. Boys may wear navy blue or khaki uniform dress pants. ** See the Lands' End pants on the website for an example
- b. Pants should not be excessively baggy. They should not be 'skinny', tight or have a jean-type look.
- c. Jeans, denim, corduroy, and cargo pants are not permitted.
- d. Pants must be dress pants and should not have patch pockets. They should have pockets that are cut into the pants; the pocket should not be attached to the outside.
- e. Pants should be light khaki or tan khaki in color as you see from Lands' End. They should not be off shades of brown, rust, etc.

2. Belts:

- a. Belts must be worn at all times and should be brown, black, navy, red, white, gray or tan.

3. Shirts:

- a. **Polos and oxfords (long and short sleeve) must be navy, white, red or light blue without or with the CCS logo or the Patriot logo.** If a logo is desired, purchase through Land ends.
- b. **Polos must be uniform style with a small brand or logo, they can be dry fit or cotton.**
- c. Polos and oxfords must be tucked in and only the top button unbuttoned.
- d. A solid color, plain t-shirt must be worn underneath dress shirts. If a t-shirt is worn under a polo, it must also be a solid color, plain shirt.
- e. Turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks that are red, white, light blue, or navy may be worn. They should not be too tight, and they do not have to have the school logo.
- f. Long-sleeve t-shirts in red, white, navy or light blue may be worn **ONLY** under another school uniform shirt.

4. Outerwear

- a. Boys may wear sweaters that are solid red, white, light blue, or navy. They can be button down, pullover, V-neck, or cardigan. No hoods or zippers and not fleece material. We encourage you to order these from Lands' End with the CCS logos.
- b. Polos or oxford shirts must be worn under any sweatshirt, sweater, or "hoodie." **If a student is wearing a hoodie without a proper uniform shirt underneath and after the 4th offense they will lose their privilege to wear a hoodie for the remainder of the school year.**
- c. Spirit Wear hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted.
 - 1) Hoodies must have a school logo on them. (no other are permitted)
 - 2) Hoodies and sweatshirts may not be worn during chapel.
 - 3) Hoods cannot be up when the student is inside the school building or on the bus. **Students who wear their hoods up inside the building will lose the privilege to wear a hoodie.**

5. Socks:

- a. Boys must wear socks.

6. Shoes:

a. **Casual Shoes**

- 1) **Elementary students** may wear regular tennis shoes.
 - a) Squeakers, lights, wheels or any other hazards or distractions on the sneakers are prohibited.
- 2) **Secondary students** may wear casual shoes Keds/Vans style, sperry topsiders and other business casual style shoes- brown, tan, **red, white**, black, navy, blue, and **gray**.
 - a) Shoes must have a back.
 - b) Two tones of the listed shoe colors are permitted.
 - c) No Moccasins, clogs, crocs and slipper-type shoes.
 - d) No Boots may be worn with the regular school uniform.
 - e) A shoe that distracts from the overall uniform appearance will not be allowed. Seek Administration approval if uncertain.

b. **Dress Shoes- For Programs**

- 1) **All Students- regular dress shoes (Mary Janes, oxfords, or loafers with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown.**

7. Accessories:

- a. Hats, sunglasses, or head coverings of any kind may not be worn in the school building unless approved for a particular reason.
- b. Boys should not wear earrings or **necklaces that show**.
- c. Boys may wear elastic bracelets, but they should not be excessive in number and must be appropriate. If a student wears too many or if they become a distraction, the student will be asked to remove them.
- d. Body piercings, tattoos, drawing/writing on oneself, and ear gauging are not allowed.

8. Hair:

- a. Boys' hair must not be excessively full and should be off the collar in the back, off the ears, and out of the eyes and no longer than 2 inches.
- b. Hair should be neat and should not be a fad style. Tapered cuts are preferred.
- c. Students cannot have their hair long on the top and shaved on the sides. A slight difference from the top and sides is acceptable. Please view some examples of what is acceptable and what is not by going to our website under the 'Info' tab.
- d. Hair must not be dyed, colored, or highlighted. Those who do so will be asked to leave school until the normal hair color is restored. This will be an unexcused absence and a penalty will also be given.
- e. Unusual styles will not be accepted.
- f. Hair must be to school code by the first day of school, first day of athletic practice, and when returning from a school break (i.e., Christmas break).
- g. Should a student be requested to get a haircut, he will be given three days to comply. If the student does not comply within the specified time, he will not be allowed to return to school until he is in compliance and may receive detention.
- h. Hairstyles that cannot be modified by the barber will result in immediate suspension until an acceptable style can be attained.
- i. Hair that is long enough to be put in a "man bun" or that is hanging in your eyes is too long.

- j. No facial hair is permitted. After a student receives two warnings in a quarter or five warnings throughout the school year, he will be sent home to shave. He will receive an unexcused absence for any class or work that he misses. He may also receive disciplinary action.
- k. There may be a rare occasion when for health reasons the facial hair policy may be adjusted for a specific student.
 - l. Sideburns should not extend beyond the middle of the ear.
- m. Hair should not have lines or numbers cut into it and should not be brought to a point.

Boys Chapel Uniform (K5-12th grades): *Optional*

1. **Boys may wear a tie on Chapel days. Any color tie may be worn with a school color dress shirt.**
2. **Ties should be worn properly on Chapel days until chapel is over. After chapel, if the student is not wearing it properly, it should be taken off.**
3. **Pants should be uniform pants that are khaki or navy.**
4. **Any school color dress sweater may be worn on Chapel day.**
5. **Hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, Patriot Wear, and team jackets cannot be worn to Chapel.**
6. **Suits or dress pants and suit jackets may be worn on Chapel days.**

GENERAL DRESS CODE

P.E. Uniform:

1. Grades K-5:
 - a. Students may wear sneakers with their regular school uniform.
 - b. Girls must wear navy, black, or khaki shorts under their skirts.
2. Grades 6-12
 - a. All secondary students who have P.E. **must have** a CCS PE uniform from either the Online Spirit Wear Store or Lands' End. They can be viewed at our school website under the "Info" tab.
 - b. A CCS P.E. uniform t-shirt (long or short sleeve) and uniform shorts are required. **If students are not in the correct uniform, they will not be allowed to participate and will lose points from their grade.**
 - c. CCS Patriot sweatpants are optional for cold days.
 - d. CCS sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn.
 - e. Failure to wear the required uniform four times per quarter will result in a detention.
 - f. Eight (8) or more zeroes for nonparticipation in the year (including not wearing the uniform) will result in loss of credit for the course. P.E. participation is expected of all students in the P.E. elective unless a valid reason exists. There will be no exceptions made unless there is a valid, physician approved, medical reason.
 - g. Students must wear sneakers and socks.

Casual Days:

1. **Friday Casual Days:**
 - a. **Theme Shirt or Spirit Wear - Students may wear theme shirts or spirit wear shirts with Patriot pants or school uniform pants for boys or skirts for girls.**

- 1) **Only allowed to wear approved outerwear over the theme shirt.**
- 2) **Students may wear sneakers.**

2. Special Casual Days:

- a. Specific guidelines will be given for each Casual Day. If a specific theme is designated, the choice of clothes must clearly indicate the student followed the theme guidelines. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops allowed.
- b. Students will be allowed to wear jeans/athletic pants on Casual Day. Appropriate-fitting boot cut, straight leg, and flare cut jeans are permitted. No skintight jeans, skinny jeans, jeggings, yoga pants, or leggings are permitted. Jeans should be clean and neat and should not have any holes in them. If they do not fit the standard, a parent will be called and asked to bring appropriate attire.
- c. Dress boots in black, brown, tan, navy, or gray may be worn for Casual Day.
- d. Students may wear sneakers.
- e. Shorts cannot be worn on Casual Days.

*Participation in Casual Days is a privilege and not a guaranteed right. If a student does not follow the Casual Day guidelines, that student will forfeit his/her privilege

Game Days:

The following policies pertain to athletes on middle school and high school team game days:

1. Soccer and Volleyball Teams:
 - a. For **away** game days, the athletes on these teams may wear their team shirt, jersey, team shorts under team warm-up pants with socks and sneakers.
2. Basketball Teams:
 - a. For **away** basketball games, the athletes may wear their team jersey or team shirt under a Spirit Wear Hoodie or team warm-up jacket with team shorts under team warm-up pants with socks and sneakers. Students may wear a team shirt if they have one.
3. Cheerleaders:
 - a. On game days, cheerleaders may wear their full cheerleading uniform. They may also wear the team warmups with their team shirt and sneakers. They will wear sneakers that are not their cheer uniform sneakers.
4. Baseball Team:
 - a. For **away** baseball games, the athletes may wear their jerseys, patriot pants or khaki pants with socks and sneakers.
5. Players should not look sloppy. Jerseys should be tucked in, etc.
6. If a player wears their warmups on the wrong day, the first time they will be given a notice warning. The second time during a season that an athlete comes in warmups on the wrong day, they will lose their privilege to wear warmups at school on game days.

Dress Up Days:

1. Picture Day:

- a. Boys should wear uniform pants, a nice school polo or button-down dress shirt, tie, and casual shoes.
- b. Girls will wear a uniform skirt and a polo or modest non sheer blouse.
- c. The neckline should not reveal cleavage, and blouses with buttons should be completely buttoned to the top.

DRESS CODE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Athletic Events:

- a. Students attending athletic events, either home or away, may wear proper fitting, school standard jeans or sweatpants and a CCS t-shirt (i.e. theme shirt or CCS spirit wear shirt).
- b. In the fall and spring seasons, spectators may wear proper fitting CCS approved shorts. The shorts should come to 2” above the knee and are not to be rolled up at the waist to make them shorter.
- c. During the winter season, shorts should not be worn.
- d. Skinny jeans, jeggings, leggings, and yoga pants may not be worn.
- e. Athletes who come to games should view the Athletic Handbook for the policy for players.
- f. It is our desire that our fans and teams are classy and look sharp. Therefore, if students dress immodestly or inappropriately, a notice will be given the next school day and further disciplinary action may occur for continued infractions.

2. School Programs:

- a. Dress for those attending all school programs will be chapel dress or the school uniform or the equivalent of the school uniform unless an exception is announced. In other words, boys should wear dress pants and a dress shirt or polo. Girls should wear a modest, appropriate, top-of-the-knee length skirt and blouse or dress. A dress code violation at any school function may result in a detention and the student may be asked to change. If they cannot change, they may be asked to leave.
- b. Special attire may be requested for those who are performing.

3. Field Trips:

- a. Please consult your child’s teacher for details on a specific field trip. Students are to wear the theme shirt and Patriot sweatpants when appropriate or school uniform.

4. Field Days:

- a. Standard dress for these events is sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes.
- b. T-shirts should not have offensive or objectionable writing or pictures.
- c. Modest athletic shorts that are not tight and come to 2” above the knee or Patriot sweatpants may be worn. Sweatpants must be worn over shorts when inside the school building.

5. Jr./Sr. Banquet/Formal Banquets (including Sports Banquet and Homecoming)

- a. Ladies:
 - 1) All dresses must be presented to a Dress Check Committee of three ladies at the same time for approval. The schedule will be as follows.
 - a) Approximately six weeks prior to event – Dress check dates announced
 - b) Approximately one month prior to event – 1st dress check

- c) Approximately two weeks prior to the event – Final, follow up dress check for dresses needing alterations after first check.
- 2) Ladies will be asked to submit photographs ahead of time, as some issues with dresses may be taken care of prior to the dress check date, saving time for all involved.
- 3) Ladies should come to the dress check prepared to try the dress on with shoes and appropriate undergarments. If uncertain about a particular dress, more than one dress may be brought to the dress check.
- 4) Any dress requiring alterations must be checked again and approved by the dress check committee prior to the event.
- 5) Possible outcomes of the dress check: (1) dress is approved, (2) the young lady may be asked to wear a cover (e.g. sweater, bolero, shrug) with the dress to the event, (3) alterations may be necessary to make the dress acceptable, or (4) the young lady may need to choose a different dress.
- 6) Approval will not be given on the day of the dress checks. After discussion among the committee members, each girl will receive (within 48 hours) either a dress approval, notice of required alterations, or notice to choose a different dress.
- 7) Dresses requiring alterations after the first dress check will be rechecked after changes are made.

b. Gentlemen:

- 1) All gentlemen are to conform to CCS dress code guidelines concerning their attire, hair, and facial hair.
- 2) Clothing should meet or exceed the uniform standard.
- 3) Gentlemen should wear a suit or tux, dress pants, dress socks, dress shoes, and tie.
- 4) Pants should not be tight.

***Below are some guidelines. However, please understand that the same dress can look very different depending on who is wearing it. There are also many style variations making it difficult to describe every possible type of dress in words. Therefore, dresses will be approved on a case-by-case basis according to how it looks when worn by the young lady. Images of acceptable and unacceptable styles will be distributed prior to the event so that ladies have an idea of what types of dresses to look for. In general, MODESTY is our goal...modest dresses will be approved and immodest dresses will not. Knowing that this is subjective is the reason for a 3-person committee.**

Basic Dress Guidelines:

1. Absolutely no cleavage can show while sitting, standing, or bending over. There are many styles of straps at the top of dresses (too many to describe here), so decisions will be made by the committee as to what is acceptable. Remember that modesty is the key.
2. The sides of the dress (underneath armpits) must provide ample coverage.

3. Appropriate undergarments must be worn according to the style of the dress (including a slip).
4. No nude-colored underlay that creates the illusion that nothing is underneath will be permitted.
5. No tight, form-fitting, “mermaid” styles will be allowed.
6. The back of the dress must come high enough to cover where a regular bra strap lies on the back. Openings should not go below the bra line.
7. The dress length is to come to the middle of the knee and must not come above the knee when seated. Slits may be no higher than the knee when sitting or standing. If the dress has a lace overlay, the dress itself (not the lace overlay) is to come to the middle of the knee and must not come above the knee when seated. NOTE: The lace overlay is usually longer than the dress.

Additional Notes Regarding Dress Code: It is impossible to cover every single potential dress code issue. Therefore, we ask that parents and students agree to do their best to not only uphold the specific guidelines laid out here in this handbook, but to inquire in advance regarding any potential dress code issues (e.g. hair style/color, shoe style/color, etc.). We are happy to give guidance to avoid dress code violations. Additionally, please use discretion when making decisions, keeping in mind that our goal is for our students, as representatives of CCS, to appear neat, tidy, professional, and clean-cut. Green slips are given merely as gentle reminders that a student is not in alignment with our dress code and are not intended to be punitive. Reasonable time is given to take care of an issue (e.g. order a new skirt that is too short). However, repeated dress code violations, disregard of green slip reminders, or disrespectful attitude may elevate the violation to a yellow or red slip.