

## **UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

At Cary Christian School, we have developed Uniform Guidelines with a desire to foster a sense of unity among students. We also are committed to providing a consistently attractive and neat appearance while seeking to avoid peer pressure in matters of dress. Parents and students are responsible for reading and adhering to the Uniform Guidelines.

### **THE UNIFORM CODE**

- The use of uniforms helps create a distraction-free environment for learning.
- The neat appearance created by a uniform code enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
- A uniform code instills school spirit and a sense of belonging, while providing enough choice to allow for individual expression. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence and the code establishes a tradition.
- A uniform code saves parents time, as most uniform items, including accessories, may be purchased at the same source. This may save parents not only time, but energy as well. In addition, time may be saved each morning as the "what to wear" issue is eliminated.
- The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues. The selected clothes were chosen with price and durability in mind for an overall good value for the money. Growth features in some of the garments may also cut down on total wardrobe expenditures.
- The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

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#### **Flynn O'Hara**

<https://www.flynnohara.com/school-landing.aspx?scn=nc040>

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### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**



### **Be Neat**

- Tuck in your shirt.
- Tie your shoes.
- Do not wear clothes with holes or tears. Make repairs, as needed.
- Replace missing buttons promptly.
- Size clothing appropriately for the wearer – not too long, not too short, not too baggy, not too tight.

### **Be Clean**

- Launder your uniforms regularly.
- Practice good personal hygiene.

### **Be Modest**

- Skirts and shorts should be reasonable lengths.
- Shirts and blouses should be properly buttoned.
- Gaudy, provocative or distracting clothing or appearance will not be allowed.

### **Garment Sizing**

Sizing of garments needs to be within reason for your child's frame. "Growing room" is understandable, but oversized shirts, sweatshirts, or pants are not permissible. The lengths of jumpers, skirts, and culottes are to be within 2" from the top of the knee or below. Boys' shorts and girls' walking shorts are to remain the length as shipped by the manufacturer, and should be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Please note, as students grow throughout the year, uniform shorts, skorts, skirts, etc. may need to be replaced. Longer versions are available.

NOTE: Uniform selections may be worn until they are outgrown as long as they are in good condition.

NOTE: Labeling garments is strongly recommended.

### **Shirts**

- With the exception of the dress uniform blouse for secondary girls, all shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Logos are required on all polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, v-neck sweater vests, fleece jackets, blazers and oxford/dress button-down shirts worn at CCS. Our logo was designed especially for CCS and can only be purchased from our uniform supplier. Polo shirts with no logo or any logos that are not our official logo are not permitted.
- Solid white short-sleeve tee shirts may be worn under short or long sleeve polo shirts, also. Please note, however, that tee shirts must be solid white only, and there should be no writing that shows through the polo.

### **Socks and Leggings**

Socks are required for all students and should be primarily navy, brown, black, gray, or white. There may be patterns on the socks (within the above color choices) for normal dress



days, but dress uniform socks need to be solid color. Girls may wear tights or fitted leggings in these same colors, adding hunter green (to match the hunter green polo) to the list. Tights or leggings must be solid color without a pattern in them of any kind. Bell-bottom leggings are not approved. Long pants worn under skirts for girls are not approved. Older girls may wear hose in neutral, navy, or black. Leggings must be worn with socks.

#### **Shoes: Daily Footwear**

Clean, comfortable shoes (including athletic shoes) are acceptable with the primary colors being black, white, gray, brown or navy for daily wear. All shoes should have non-marking, non-slip soles. Shoes should be flat or low-heeled (K-5: 1 inch or less, 6-12: 2 inches or less). No open-toe shoes or sandals are permitted. No boots, clogs, jellies, brogans, slippers, platform shoes, or shoes that light up, make sounds, or have wheels are permitted. High-top sneakers may be worn as a daily footwear option. Dress shoes may be worn to meet the daily footwear requirement.

#### **Shoes: Dress Uniform**

Dress shoes (not athletic shoes) are required on dress uniform days. Dress shoes should be solid brown for boys and solid black, brown or navy for the girls. Dress shoes must have non-marking soles. Girls' shoes should be flat or low-heeled (K-5: 1 inch or less, 6-12: 2 inches or less). *No slippers, boat shoes, loafers, open-toe shoes or sandals are permitted.*

#### **Shoes: P.E. and Athletics**

Daily athletic footwear is acceptable for P.E. and athletics. The color restrictions do not apply for P.E.

#### **Outerwear**

In the classroom and school buildings, only the dress uniform blazer, letter jacket (9-12), CCS solid navy or hunter sweatshirts, navy vests/sweaters, navy fleece jackets/vests, or CCS navy windbreakers may be worn. Approved CCS team outerwear may be worn, as well. Leeway is be given with regard to outdoor coats, jackets, and rain/snow gear during recess or other outdoor activities.

#### **Belts**

Belts are required for both boys and girls on any item of clothing that has belt loops. Belts should be solid brown.

#### **Bicycle Shorts**

It is recommended that girls wear navy or black bicycle shorts under skirts.

#### **Hair and Accessories**

Students will keep their hair neat, clean, well-groomed, and in traditional styles and natural colors.



Boys: Keep hair in moderate lengths with the overall length no longer than the bottom of the collar, as measured in the back. Bangs should be trimmed and out of the eyes. Boys should be clean-shaven. Senior boys may wear well-groomed facial hair.

Girls: All hair accessories are allowed in moderate sizes and colors aligned with the uniforms: as close as possible to white, black, gray, hunter, or navy. Girls' hair may be tastefully and conservatively highlighted in traditional styles and natural colors. Girls may also have moderate, artificial hair clip-ins (such as "fairy hair"), in any color.

### **Hats**

Unless granted permission for special days or events, students are not to wear hats while in the school building.

### **Jewelry**

Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings. For K-5, please avoid those that dangle for obvious safety reasons- this is not a prohibition, but a recommendation. For K-12, gauges or any visible piercings in areas other than the ears are prohibited. Watches and rings are fine for boys and girls, keeping in mind moderation and good taste. Wrist bands may be worn but only in school colors. Tasteful necklaces, bracelets and anklets may be worn.

No visible body art (tattoos) is allowed.

### **On-Campus Athletic Wear**

CCS approved attire is required for all secondary P.E. classes and on-campus sports practices or workouts. Approved athletic wear includes navy shorts or navy sweatpants with CCS logo and a gray T-shirt with CCS logo or approved Booster Club apparel. Daily uniform CCS sweatshirts are also acceptable.

### **After School Wear & Sports Events**

Students attending after school activities and games should be dressed modestly and appropriately.

### **Special Exceptions**

As the Dean/Headmaster determines, events such as field trips may call for other clothing options. Special days may be scheduled, such as dress-up days, KnightsFest, or Field Day, during which other clothing options are allowed.

## **OBEYING UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

Parents and students are responsible for reading and adhering to the Uniform Guidelines. It is imperative that all parents and students read the guidelines carefully to ensure full understanding of the uniform guidelines. Parents are required to read the guidelines and agree in writing to uphold them while their children(ren) are enrolled in CCS.

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The school administration will determine if there is a violation of the uniform code, either in fact or attitude. Students not complying with this uniform code will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action.

Violation notices will be given to students who are not in compliance and discipline administered for multiple violations. When a student is found to be in violation of the uniform guidelines, it will be recorded on a Violation Notice and mailed to the parents. Violations are recorded throughout the school year. When five violations have accumulated, a referral will be given. Parents may be called to bring proper uniform attire for their child(ren).

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