

## **2023-2024 Student Dress Code**

CCA's Dress Code is intended to reflect the academy's stated aims to honor God, disciple students in the biblical principles of modesty, decency, and propriety, and de-emphasize the use of clothing as a significant means of establishing self-identity or gaining attention or social status. The faculty and staff retain the authority to determine the appropriateness of a given student's attire or hairstyle, and may remove from the campus or CCA-sponsored event, or otherwise discipline, any student deemed to be inappropriately dressed. The Administration also reserves the right to grant a limited variance to these regulations for special purposes, such as CCA sports programs and physical education classes, special dress days or other instructional exercises, provided that high standards of modesty are upheld. All elements of the Dress Code are in force (and may be enforced) on the CCA campus from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM each day of the school week. During that time, students anywhere on campus must be dressed in either proper class attire or proper CCA sports attire. Changing into off-campus attire is allowed on-campus only for the purpose of participation in athletic practices or competitions and immediately prior to leaving campus. All students involved in athletic practice on campus or leaving campus for school-sponsored athletic practices or games will be dressed in either the specific practice uniform, the general CCA practice uniform, or the game uniform, unless the group is traveling for several hours to an away game, in which case "Casual Friday" dress will be worn. While Dress Code enforcement will be limited to school days, provisions and standards relating to modesty and decency should be respected by the students and are enforceable by the faculty and staff anywhere on the campus as well as at all off-campus, school-sponsored events.

### **Upper Campus Uniform/ID Badge**

All upper campus students (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) are required to wear the CCA uniform as detailed for CCA at [www.dmuniform.com](http://www.dmuniform.com)

All high school students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will be issued a school ID badge each school year. Students will sign a High School ID Badge Agreement acknowledging their understanding of the following guidelines and procedures regarding high school ID badges:

1. Students in grades 9-12 must wear their ID badge and it must be visible at all times when they are on the CCA campus. Students will not be able to purchase items from the cafeteria unless they have their ID badge.
2. The ID badge will enable students to enter the school building between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
3. Students are not permitted to lend their ID badge to any other person, and they will be mindful of who may be entering the building behind them when they scan their badge.
4. CCA will provide a lanyard to be used with the ID badge. Students must wear the CCA lanyard provided. Embellishments are not permitted (e.g. rhinestones, glitter, etc.). Nothing may be attached to the ID badge, and it must remain free of logos, artwork, stickers or embellishments of any kind, at all times.

5. A 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student's failure to wear their ID badge while on campus is a uniform violation and could be recorded as a disciplinary incident.
6. The loss of an ID badge poses a security breach for the school, and students must report a lost or stolen badge to the Admissions office within 24 hours, so that the badge can be deactivated.
7. ID badges must be returned to the Admissions office during the last week of school every year. If a student withdraws from CCA prior to the last week of school, he/she must return their badge at that time. Failure to return an ID badge could incur a \$20 fine.
8. If an ID badge is lost or stolen, or returned in an unusable condition beyond normal wear, the replacement fee is \$20.00.
9. Students in grades 5-8 will be issued an ID badge. This badge will not grant building access but the badge must be with the student in order to make purchases from the cafeteria.

### **Elementary School Uniform**

Elementary school uniform is the same as the secondary school uniform with the following exceptions:

1. The color of upper body apparel is limited to solid burgundy and solid white (no black or gray is permitted ***with the exception of outerwear and Spirit Wear***).

### **General Dress Code Guidelines for all Students**

The general dress code guidelines are applicable to all students. They are as follows:

#### **Hair**

1. Hair for boys and girls must be clean and neatly groomed and may not include unnatural coloring or inappropriate styling, such as dreadlocks, spiking, designs, mohawks, emo, scene, unilateral shaving etc. Boys' hair may not extend beyond the bottom of the collar of the shirt (on the back of the shirt); bangs must rest no longer than the top of the eyebrows. The hair on the side of the head cannot extend to the point that it obscures any facial features (i.e., the eyes, nose, and mouth) when the head is upright; nor can it hang below the level of the back of the collar.
2. Facial hair is not permitted, except for facial sideburns, which must be neatly groomed and extend no lower than the bottom of the ear. Exceptions may be made for certain grades at the discretion of the Head of School.

#### **Hair Accessories/Head Covering**

1. Colored hair bows, ribbons, beads, or other distracting attachments to the hair are not permitted. All girls may wear solid white, or burgundy (secondary: white, burgundy, black, and gray) hair bands, bows, or ribbons. The plaid hair bow and headband from Dennis Uniform is also acceptable. Spirit hair bows, as designed/sanctioned by the

CCA administration, may also be worn. Flowers or other ornaments are not acceptable headwear.

2. Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandanas, or any other head coverings are not permitted in the school buildings unless authorized by the administration for Spirit Week or other special events.

### Jewelry

1. Boys may wear silver or gold necklaces with charm-sized (3/4 inch or less in diameter) Christian symbols, watches, and a CCA Class/Athletics ring. One or two CCA-Spirit wristbands or other rubber wristbands with Christian or edifying statements are also acceptable. Only plain gold or silver bracelets may be worn. A charm sized (3/4 inch less in diameter) Christian symbol of any kind is acceptable. Bracelets with a Christian symbol and/or message such as W.W.J.D bracelets are acceptable (a maximum of two may be worn.) No other types of jewelry are permitted.
2. Girls may wear up to two pairs of stud-type earrings, in each ear, no larger than 1/2 inch in diameter and limited to solid silver, gold, black, burgundy, or white in color. Simple diamond studs are also acceptable. Gages are not allowed. Simple hoop style earrings of the same colors as above but that do not extend any further than 1/2 inch below the earlobe may also be worn. Girls may also wear a watch, parental "purity" or "covenant" ring, or CCA Class or Athletics ring. Only gold and silver chained necklaces with charm-sized (3/4 inch or less in diameter) Christian symbol or gemstone may be worn. No ropes, chokers, leather, or any other material necklaces are permitted. One or two official CCA-Spirit wristbands are also acceptable. Only plain gold or silver bracelets may be worn. A charm sized (3/4 inch less in diameter) Christian symbol of any kind is acceptable. Bracelets with a Christian symbol and/or message such as W.W.J.D bracelets are acceptable (a maximum of two may be worn.) No other piercing or visible jewelry of any kind is acceptable.

### Body Adornment/Make Up

1. Girls may wear nail polish, as long as it is not "loud" in color. Nails must not be excessively long or unusually decorated.
2. Make-up is allowed for girls in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> but must be simple, modest, and reflect a "natural" look. *Make-up is not permitted for younger grades.*
3. Tattoos of any kind, whether permanent or temporary, must not be visible during school or at school functions.

### Shoes/Socks

1. Shoes for boys include black or brown dress shoes or athletic shoes in any combination of the following colors: white, gray, burgundy, black, brown, and khaki. No other colors are permissible, to include the adornments or accents on the shoe. Boots, hugs, crocs, rubber or water shoes, flip-flops, sandals, backless shoes, house

shoes, moccasins, skate shoes, or slippers of any kind are not permitted. This rule applies also to "*Spirit Wear Day*." No shoes that have been altered from their original design are permitted.

2. Shoes for girls include solid brown, solid black or solid burgundy or solid gray flats or dress shoes with a heel no higher than one inch. In addition, athletic shoes may be worn in any combination of the following colors: white, gray, burgundy, black, brown, and khaki. No other colors are permissible, to include the adornments or accents on the shoe. Boots, hugs, crocs, rubber or water shoes, flip-flops, sandals, backless shoes, skate shoes, or slippers of any kind are not permitted. No shoes that have been altered from their original design are permitted.
3. Solid black, burgundy, gray, khaki, or white socks must be worn with all shoes. Official CCA socks purchased from the Booster Club are also acceptable. Logoed socks are also acceptable as long as the logo is black in color and is approximately one inch square or less. Socks are optional for any shoe designed to be worn without them (e.g., girls: dress shoes, Toms, deck shoes, Sperrys; boys: Sperrys, Toms, deck shoes, canvass shoes).
4. Leggings and tights may be worn with skirts, skorts, jumpers, etc. Allowable leggings and tight colors include burgundy, gray, black, and white. Leggings must be solid in color and fabric and be form-fitting (i.e. not flared at the ankle.)

#### Belts/Ties

1. All pants, skirts, or shorts with belt loops must be worn with an appropriate belt *when worn with shirts that are tucked in*. Belts must be solid-colored black or solid brown leather or cloth. No ornamental decorations/hole patterns are allowed. Belt buckles must be less than 2 inches in diameter. Students in Kindergarten and first grade are not required to wear belts.
2. Boys and girls may wear a tie with the Oxford-style dress shirt only. Ties that may be worn are limited to the Dennis Uniform tie selection, or solid black, or solid burgundy. Neckties may not be worn with Polo or any other style shirts.

#### Clothing Condition

Clothing and shoes must be neat and clean at the beginning of the day, may not have holes or patches and may not be torn, fringed, un-hemmed, excessively wrinkled, excessively tight, form-fitting or excessively loose, and should be of a modest design or style.

#### Logos

1. All clothing will be free of logos, pictures, artwork, patches, mottos, slogans, etc., except approved uniform-wear with its trademark logo and CCA-approved Booster Club and Student Club apparel.

2. Although not considered uniform items, backpacks and lunchboxes must be free from images or language that is unbefitting of a Christian.

### **Modesty**

1. Dress shirts/blouses must be unbuttoned no lower than the button just below the top button. Shirtsleeves may not be rolled up any further than just above the elbow. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not permitted except as part of official athletic uniforms.
2. Shirts/blouses must be tucked inside the lower body wear *even when worn underneath outerwear*. The exceptions to this rule include the Dennis Uniform's girls' straight-cut bottom blouse and polos and the boys' and girls' dri-knit shirts that are specifically designed to be worn untucked. When wearing shirts designed to be untucked, the shirt must be long enough so as to fully cover the stomach, even when arms are raised. All lower body wear must be worn at or above the hips—no low-rise jeans, low-rider pants, "sagging" etc.
3. Girls: shorts, skorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (patella bone).
4. Boys: Shorts and cargos must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (patella bone).

### **Under Garments**

1. Undershirts, if worn, must be solid white, burgundy, or gray in color. Black is also acceptable for secondary students. Solid white turtlenecks may be worn under other CCA approved shirts during cold weather.
2. Modesty shorts must be worn under all skirts and skorts.

### **Outerwear**

1. CCA Dennis Uniform or CCA-approved Booster outerwear may be worn in the classroom. This includes sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, windbreakers, and CCA letter jackets. No other winter wear may be worn during class hours unless severe weather or extenuating circumstances warrant the wearing of this apparel.
2. Gray, black, burgundy, and white approved outerwear is acceptable for both elementary and secondary students.
3. All outerwear worn in class MUST have a CCA logo.
4. All outerwear must have a CCA approved uniform shirt underneath.

### **Distractibility Factor**

Any article of clothing, jewelry, or adornment of any portion of the body, deemed to be unusually distracting or in violation of the CCA Dress Code is not permitted for school

wear. This includes, but is not limited to, boas, suspenders, neckties, headbands, hair bands (other than burgundy, black, gray, or white), pins, broaches, wrist wear (other than a watch), bizarre eyeglasses, wigs, hairpieces, hair extensions, or contacts, etc.

### **Designated Spirit Wear Days**

1. Administrators may deem specific days when jeans are permitted to be worn. Students must adhere to the guidelines published regarding the appropriateness of jeans.
2. Any student undergoing disciplinary sanctions may be ineligible for participating in "Spirit Wear Day."
3. General guidelines stated above must be followed on "Spirit Wear Day" unless otherwise authorized by the Administration.
4. The CCA uniform may be worn on "Spirit Wear Day."
5. Lower body wear may include any of the CCA approved khaki or plaid uniform bottoms.
6. Acceptable upper wear on "Spirit Wear Day" includes CCA-approved Dennis Uniform apparel, CCA-approved Booster Club apparel, or CCA-approved Student Club, Class, or event apparel. (Note: Any student group wanting to wear its event-designed shirt during "Spirit Wear Days" must have it approved beforehand by the Administration.) Spirit wear worn on Friday is not required to be tucked in.
7. Acceptable shoes on "Spirit Wear Day" include any shoe specified in this Dress Code. No other shoe styles are acceptable.

8. Outerwear includes items stated in the general guidelines above. Jeans are permitted to be worn on occasions designated by administrators. The guidelines regarding jeans are applicable to all students. They are as follows:

**Guidelines Regarding the Appropriateness of Jeans**

**Acceptable jeans include:**

- Modest fitting, full-length blue or black denim jeans or shorts may be worn.
- Cargo-style blue or black denim jeans or shorts are also acceptable.
- Blue or black denim skorts, skirts, or capris are acceptable for girls.
- Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.
- Spandex jeans or jeans “jeggings” may be worn **only** if worn with a shirt that reaches the thigh.
- Designs on jeans should be limited to a small logo on the back and *modest* design/stitching/embellishments on the back pockets.

**Unacceptable jeans include:**

- Partially or fully bleached or colored jeans (gray, green, red, etc.) are not allowed.
- Jeans with holes, tears, or otherwise tattered may not be worn.(even those designed and purchased as such).

**Dress Code Guidelines for Students  
Attending Classes on Tuesday/Thursday**

1. Acceptable upper wear includes CCA-approved Dennis Uniform apparel, CCA-approved Booster Club apparel, or CCA-approved Student Club, Class or event apparel. Spirit Wear is not required to be tucked in.

2. Lower body wear may include any of the CCA approved khaki or plaid uniform bottoms or jeans. Students must adhere to the published guidelines regarding the appropriateness of jeans.

3. The CCA uniform may be worn.

4. Belts are not required to be worn with jeans, but are required when wearing CCA approved khaki uniform bottoms. A plain black or brown leather or cloth belt will be worn with all pants or shorts when worn with shirts that are tucked in. Belts must be worn tightly enough to keep the lower body wear worn at the waist or upper hips.

5. Acceptable shoes include any

shoe specified in this Handbook. No other shoe styles are acceptable.

6. Outerwear includes items stated in the general guidelines above.
7. Students attending classes at CCA following Collin College classes may receive an exception to this policy as determined by the administration.

**Physical Education Class Dress Code**

Students participating in Physical Education (PE) classes during school hours are required to wear official PE uniform t-shirts. Shorts may be solid black, white, grey or maroon gym shorts and must extend to fingertip length. PE uniform t-shirts must be purchased from the Athletic Department and will be billed to the family FACTS account.

**Dress Code for Groups leaving Campus for School-Sponsored Activities**

All student groups leaving campus for school-sponsored activities will be dressed according to CCA dress code standards. Groups leaving for athletic practice or

competition will be dressed in the specific practice uniform, the general CCA practice uniform, or the game uniform, unless the group is traveling for several hours to an away game, in which case "Spirit Wear Day" dress will be worn. Groups leaving campus for field trips, academic or extra-curricular competitions, college visitations, etc., on Monday through Thursday will wear the CCA uniform from Dennis Uniform unless instructed otherwise by the teacher or sponsor. Groups leaving for these activities on Friday through Sunday may wear "Spirit Wear Day" dress. For more details, see the athletic handbook. Under special circumstances, the administration may make an exception to this policy depending on the nature of the event and/or at the request of the sponsoring staff member.

### **Enforcement**

Students are asked to comply with the CCA dress code out of respect for and submission to the authority that God has placed over them. Parents are asked to send a note with their student if extenuating circumstances arise that preclude complying with the dress code.

Dress codes violations are considered a minor offense unless committed habitually. If a student fails to comply with dress code, they are excluded from participating in "Spirit Wear Day" privileges for a length of time determined by the administration.

Repetitive or flagrant dress code violations will be treated as disrespect for authority and may be subject to the disciplinary guidelines of a major violation. (See Discipline section.)

### **Uniform Purchasing**

Families may purchase uniform clothing items (upper and lower body wear) from Dennis Uniform ([www.dmuniform.com](http://www.dmuniform.com))



