

**CLEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
DRESS CODE 2011-2012**

It is generally recognized that good hygiene and proper dress promote high self-esteem and better conduct. Godly standards of modesty and neatness are the main guidelines CLCS uses to determine the dress code. Our goal is to establish a manner of dress that will reflect excellence and self respect and also be both honoring and pleasing to God. The following dress code is intended to accomplish a standardized school dress without having to order from a specific uniform company or catalog.

Regular School Day Dress Code

Oxford style shirt or blouse - navy, black, or white-long or short-sleeved

Polo shirts

- Navy, black, or white
- Long or short-sleeved
- 2 or 3 button only
- School emblem not required
- Small emblem allowed
- No printing or writing allowed on front or back of polo shirt

** Shirts must be completely tucked in at all times, except during PE. Shirts are not to “blouse over” longer than the width of the waistband.*

** Long sleeve white undershirts may be worn under polo shirts during cold weather.*

Skirts and Jumpers

- Solid navy or khaki
- Pleated or A-line style

**Skirts must be hemmed no higher than four (4) inches above the middle of the knee. Slits in longer skirts must be no higher than the top of the kneecap.*

**Leggings or socks worn with skirts must be solid colors of navy, black or white.*

Trousers

- “Docker-pant” style
- Navy or khaki

** Trousers must be a “Docker-pant” style and material, with or without pleats, with or without cuffs. No “five-pocket” jean style, cargo pants style, denim material, stretch fabric, hip-huggers, low-rise, “skinny” or corduroy pants are acceptable. Pants must be worn at the waist and cannot be slit or cut at the hem. Trousers must fit properly—not oversized or too tight.*

** Belts must be worn at all times- except during PE.*

** Belts must be worn with shorts and skirts that have belt loops of any kind*

Walking Shorts, Skorts and Capris

- Navy or khaki

**Shorts and skorts must be no higher than four (4) inches above the middle of the knee.*

**Capris must be docker- style and follow trouser.*

Jackets and Hoodies

- School issued hoodies or jackets may be worn only over dress code shirts

- Non-school issued hoodies, jackets, and coats must be taken off during school hours and placed in lockers or hung up
- Solid navy, black, or white uniform sweaters, sweatshirts, vests, and cardigans are allowed
- Solid color quilted jackets, and corduroy are not allowed
- Jackets and sweaters worn in class must be formal “uniform” apparel purchased from the uniform sections in stores.

Guidelines for general grooming are as follows:

- Students must be appropriately groomed for school when entering the gym in the mornings before 8:15 a.m. or going upstairs if arriving after 8:15 a.m.
- All garments must be free of large emblems, logos, symbols, writing, pictures, etc., of any kind.
- All garments should fit properly—not over-sized or too tight.
- All garments are to be clean, pressed and maintained in good condition.
- Except for in PE class, shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Shoes must have closed toes and closed heels – no sandals, flip-flops or slides are allowed. High heels are not allowed. Canvas shoes or sneakers are recommended.
- White, navy, black or flesh-colored tights or pantyhose are acceptable for girls.
- Students’ hair must be clean and well groomed at all times. Boys’ hair length should not hang over the eyes, or below the collar. Artificial hair color should be a natural hair color. Extreme hair fashions are not acceptable.
- Boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns may not be longer than the bottom of the ear lobe.
- Tattoos are not permitted. If a student enrolls and already has a tattoo, the tattoo must be covered.
- Earrings are not permitted for boys. *Girls are permitted to wear no more than two earrings in the same ear. *Extravagant jewelry and excessive make-up are not permitted.
- Fingernail polish, make-up or any garments or adornments of traditionally feminine use are not permitted for boys.
- No caps, hats, bandannas, sunglasses or any other “head wear” are to be worn by students during class time.
- Body piercing is not permitted.

Special Event Dress Code

There are occasions when students go on field trips, attend special events or may not be required to “be in uniform.” A modified dress code must be approved by school administration as proposed by the teacher or sponsor for the event. As a rule, the standard guidelines will be the general rule for allowing modifications.

The following dress code guidelines for “special events” also must be followed:

- Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff when stretching up or bending over.
- Necklines, armholes of sleeveless tops must not be oversized or reveal undergarments.
- Pants must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist.
- Clothing with tears, holes or ragged hems are not permissible.
- Clothing or jewelry that depict pictures or slogans, representing the occult, violence, pornography, gangs, rock groups, alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other items dishonoring to God is not permissible.
- Students who are not dressed in compliance with the special event dress code may not be allowed to participate in the event.

PE Uniforms

Students in 5th through 12th grade will dress in solid plain t-shirts of navy or black and knee length athletic shorts, navy or black for PE class. The PE grade for these classes is determined in part by “dressing-out” for class each day. **Students must wear tennis shoes/sneakers whenever they are playing on the gym floor.** All students in PE must participate and are required to dress out. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

***Clear Lake Christian School faculty reserves the right to have complete discretion on a case-by-case basis of all dress code issues.**