

Covenant Christian School Dress Standards

We want all of our students to be guided by the principles of modesty and moderation in everything, including—the manner in which they dress. Furthermore, we encourage an attitude of self-discipline, individual conformity, and professional academic appearance in order to promote an environment of professional learning at Covenant Christian School (CCS).

The clothes our students wear, as well as the manner in which they wear them, makes a visual statement about CCS, our families, and our students' attitudes and interests. A student's dress and personal appearance present an important first impression and influences the opinions that others form about him or her, whether they be friends at school or visitors to our campus. Among other things, attending a Christian school means that our students have a special responsibility to be sure that their dress and personal appearance reflect the high ideals we have derived from biblical standards.

In that spirit, CCS has adopted a uniform wardrobe from which our students may select clothing. Only clothing described on the uniform list is approved for wearing at CCS. Please refer to the uniform packet which was provided to you in the registration packet for specific ordering information.

Uniform Wardrobe

CCS strongly recommends that our parents buy their student's school uniforms from Dennis Uniform Company, whose brochure has been provided to you as part of your registration package. However, we also recognize that some families may not be able to afford purchasing uniforms at Dennis. Therefore, the following uniform wardrobe standards are provided to guide your purchases.

Girls Kindergarten through 6th grade:

1. Shifts: Dunbar plaid-center box pleat.
2. Jumpers: Dunbar plaid-knife pleat, Khaki, or navy.

Boys and Girls Kindergarten through 12th grade:

1. Skirts:
 - a. Dunbar plaid-knife pleat.
 - b. Lt Navy Gabardine-Hipstitched box pleat.
 - c. Khaki Gabardine – Hipstitched box pleat.
2. Skorts:
 - a. Navy
 - b. Khaki
3. Blouses:
 - a. White short sleeve-Peter Pan collar.
 - b. White short sleeve-Sport collar.
 - c. White overblouse short sleeve-sport collar. This blouse need not be tucked in.
4. Slacks, Trousers, and Shorts (all must have belt loops):
 - a. Navy Twill-pleated front.
 - b. Navy Twill-flat front.

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- c. Khaki Twill-pleated front.
 - d. Khaki Twill-flat front.
 - e. Black Twill-pleated front.
 - f. Black Twill-flat front.
5. Polo Shirts:
- a. Navy Jersey short sleeve.
 - b. Navy Pique short sleeve.
 - c. White Jersey short sleeve.
 - d. White Pique short sleeve.
 - e. Blue Jersey short sleeve.
 - f. Blue Pique short sleeve.
 - g. Red Jersey short sleeve.
 - h. Red Pique short sleeve.
6. Accessories:
- a. Girls' Camisole white.
 - b. Girls' bike shorts, Dark Navy.
 - c. Cardigan, Navy V-Neck.
 - d. Turtleneck, Red, White, or Blue.
 - e. CCS Fleece Jacket.
 - f. School Spirit Wear Sweatshirts.
 - g. Ball Cap with CCS Patch.

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Dress Standards for Girls

Girls may wear skirts of a conservative length and fit. The length of skirts will not be shorter than near the top of the knee (not more than two inches above the knee) when standing and will be of modest length when seated as designed by the uniform company.

It should not be necessary to hem clothing purchased from the uniform company. The company is willing and able to meet each student's individual measurement needs. Students must take the appropriate steps to insure their clothing fits reasonably well and is the proper length, even if purchased from a different retailer.

Slacks or shorts may also be worn, provided they are not tightly fitted. Shorts are to be worn at the natural waist. Shorts should have an adequate inseam length and should be cuffed or hemmed near the top of the knee (not more than two inches above the knee) as designed by the uniform company. They should not be shortened upon purchase. Slacks and shorts which have belt loops require a belt when worn. Belt loops are not to be cut off. Slacks and shorts are to be made of cotton blends and not include spandex or jean material.

Blouse or tops should not be tight fitting must be worn tucked in pants, shorts, skirts, or skirts. The white overblouse may be worn and not tucked. Appropriate white undergarments such as slips, camisoles, and bras must be worn. Slips and camisoles are to be tucked and may not show.

Socks or colored tights should be white, red, blue, black, or grey (solid colors) which coordinate with the school uniform. Colored tights are to be worn with skirts only. Colored tights may not be worn with shorts. If hose are worn with shorts, they must be skin tone. Leggings will not be worn with the school uniform.

Solid color dress shoes, sneakers, or Oxford-type shoes are acceptable and must be worn at all times on campus and at all school-related activities. Socks, tights, or hose of a coordinating color are also required. Open toed or back shoes, sandals, and boots may not be worn.

Only approved uniform athletic clothing or sweat clothes may be worn for PE (refer to the uniform wardrobe description). Athletic clothing may not be worn to school in lieu of normal school attire. Athletic teams may wear their sports jerseys only on game days during the sport season. Students may wear Covenant Christian School sweatpants (Spirit Wear) on Fridays.

Hairstyles must be natural, practical, and moderate. Make-up may be worn neatly and appropriately inconspicuous. Jewelry, if worn, must be simple, conservative, and appropriate to the student's overall appearance.

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Dress Standards for Boys

Boys may wear trousers or shorts. All trousers and shorts require a belt. Shorts should have an adequate inseam length and will be cuffed or hemmed near the top of the knee. Shorts may not extend below the knee.

It should not be necessary to hem clothing from the uniform company. The company is willing and able to meet each student's individual measurement needs. If trousers, shorts, and polo shirts are purchased from a retailer other than the designated uniform company, students must take the appropriate steps to insure their clothing fits reasonably well and is the proper length.

Shirts must always be tucked inside the pants. If a tee shirt is worn, it must be white.

Solid color dress shoes, sneakers, or Oxford-type shoes are acceptable and must be worn at all times on campus and at all school-related activities. Socks of a coordinating color (blue, black, white, red, or grey) are also required. Sandals and boots may not be worn.

Only approved uniform athletic clothing or sweat clothes may be worn for PE (refer to the uniform wardrobe description). Athletic clothing may not be worn to school in lieu of normal school attire. Athletic teams may wear their sports jerseys only on game days during the sport season. Students may wear Covenant Christian School sweatpants (spirit wear) on Fridays. Hairstyles must be natural, practical and moderate. Hair will be cut or styled to fit the general contour of the head and be kept trimmed and combed. Head or hair bands of any type will not be permitted. Hair will not hang below a normal shirt collar, cover the ears, nor should it be shaved above the ear, or sculptured. Tails are not permitted. Sideburns should not extend below the ear nor grow across the cheek. Beards are not to be worn by students. Moustaches, if worn, must be neatly trimmed and may not extent below the edges of the mouth or across the cheek.

Jewelry, if worn at all, must be simple, conservative, and appropriate to the overall dress of the student and be kept within the general standards of the school.

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Additional Dress Standards

Many of the trends and fads which are in fashion today are also restricted from our campus or during school activities. These include but are not necessarily restricted to the following categories of clothing and personal appearance:

1. Accessories or paraphernalia associated with a culture or movement in conflict with Covenant Christian School standards (e.g., no tattoos, body piercings, etc.).
2. Hair dyed in unnatural colors.
3. Partial or complete shaving of the head or severe step cuts.
4. Unusually asymmetrical styling of the hair.
5. Earrings on boys or multiple earrings on girls.
6. Excessive jewelry.
7. Sloppy, overly casual or unkempt appearance.
8. Boys will not wear nail polish or make-up.
9. When permitted, jeans may be worn to class. Jeans are not to be cut, ripped, or thread worn. All jeans require belts and must be worn at the natural waist. If denim skirts or shorts are worn, they are to conform to the general standards of uniform skirts or shorts.
10. Only CCS sweatshirts, fleece jackets, athletic letterman jackets, and sweaters may be worn in the classroom.

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