

DETAILED DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE - General

Our school dress code seeks to achieve a handsome appearance for our students and to free them from fashion trends and peer pressure. Trends and fashions vary from one year to the next and significant advertising pressure is focused on young people to adopt the latest fad. Sometimes, even Christian young people can be caught up in styles that represent philosophies and lifestyles that are immodest.

Because we are more concerned about matters of the heart than outward appearance, we have chosen to require a specific dress code for all students enrolled at CCS. Our goal is to keep the focus on the child, not the clothing. The dress code is designed for these purposes:

- To train students to dress in a conservative, traditional, and modest fashion.
- To create a positive, disciplined environment in the school.
- To assist students in concentrating on academic achievement rather than on clothing competition.
- To eliminate immodest or inappropriate fashions.
- To help parents and students with financial stewardship.
- To create a positive image in the community.
- To provide an opportunity to show and teach respect for authority.

The cooperation of the student and parent is necessary in maintaining the standards of the dress code. A student's appearance is a family responsibility. Therefore, any actions taken by CCS to enforce the dress code will be primarily directed toward the parent, even though such action will impact the student himself.

Dress Code Compliance: *Dress code compliance is about attitude.* We believe that dress standards will be required throughout life. It is our goal to teach compliance and encourage cooperation because it simply is the right and appropriate course of behavior. Students who rebel against the standards are learning habits which will have negative outcomes into adulthood. Therefore, dress code violations will be addressed as noted in the conduct system, beginning with a policy reminder. An infraction may also require that a parent bring approved clothing to the school office before a student may rejoin his or her class. The student needs to be in the proper dress code before he/she exits the vehicle in the morning in order to be ready for the school day, and it is to be maintained throughout the day unless special instructions are sent home.

Parental Example: CCS requests that parents model modesty and appropriateness in dress while on campus and at school functions.

Global Schoolwear: To order chapel shirts and find other dress-code-compliant garments, go to <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/> and enter **Citadel** in the "Shop By School Name" search box.

Please note that each student will need to order **at least one purple, navy, light blue, or white polo or oxford shirt with the school logo** embroidered on it from this store for chapel.

GUIDELINES

- **Shoes, backpacks, or lunch boxes** may not display characters (i.e. Spiderman, Cinderella).
- **Hair:**
 - must be styled in a socially acceptable manner with no extremes in cut, style, or color (i.e. blue, green, pink);
 - must be neat, clean, and not in the face;
 - may not be more than 1 inch long when spiked;
 - Boy's hair should not hang over the top of the eyebrows or a collared shirt. It should also not hang below the earlobe on the side.
 - Boys must be clean shaven. Boys will be asked to shave if they come to school with facial hair. Sideburns should be no longer than the bottom of the ear.
- Moderate **make-up and artificial nails** are allowed for girls in 7th grade and up.
- **Jewelry:** Girls may not wear more than 2 earrings per ear.
 - Earrings are not permitted for boys.
 - Body piercing, tattoos (including temporary), and gages are not permitted.
 - Neck chains, bracelets, and watches should be removed for P.E., sports, and playground.
- Bizarre styles, fads, badges, pins, emblems, hairstyles, etc. which are calculated to call attention to the wearer are not permitted.
- **Hats, caps, and bandanas** are not acceptable except for pre-authorized conditions or designated special occasions with approval of the administration.
- **Modesty** is required at all times. Developmentally appropriate undergarments should be worn.

GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES - GIRLS AND BOYS (See Wednesday code for Chapel day)

- **Shirts:** Polo or oxford shirts in the following colors: royal purple, navy, light blue, gray, black, and white. Shirts must be appropriately sized for the student. (Please note that gray and black are no longer approved colors.)
- **Pants:** Khaki, black, gray, or navy twill pants or walking shorts for boys or girls. Pants must be properly fitted. Skin-tight, form fitting, baggy, frayed, or ragged pants are not permitted. Sweatpants are only allowed for PE class, not as daily dress code uniform.
- **Skirts/Skorts:** Skorts, or skirts in khaki, gray, black, navy, or purple plaid. Must be no shorter than 5 inches from the floor in a kneeling position. Must be hemmed, not frayed.
- **Dresses/Jumpers:** Polo dresses and jumpers in purple, navy, light blue, gray, black, khaki, purple plaid, and white that meet the length requirement are also acceptable. (Please note that gray and black are no longer approved colors for dresses or jumpers.)
- **Tights/leggings:** Only solid-colored, opaque purple, navy, gray, black, or white are permissible – no other colored tights are allowed. Leggings should be a neutral color with no lace. Leggings are not a replacement for pants. They must be worn with a regulation-length skirt.
- **Socks:** All socks are to be solid-colored purple, gray, navy, white, black, or khaki.
- **Shoes:** Shoes do not have to be a solid color as long as they are not distracting. Character shoes or shoes with distractions such as lights, wheels, or superhero characters are not acceptable. Close-toed shoes are required for preschool and grammar students. No flip-flops or backless shoes are permitted at any time.
- **Sweaters:** Students may wear black, gray, navy, purple, or white sweaters over their polo shirts.

Miscellaneous:

- Uniform items approved for CCS may be worn interchangeably on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

- T-shirts (long- or short-sleeved) worn under polo or oxford shirts should be a solid color (black, navy, light blue, white, purple, or gray) with no writing.
- Hair bows, headbands, and barrettes are not required but may be worn.
- Jeans (Friday) must be regular denim jeans or long denim shorts. Baggy, distressed, frayed, ragged jeans, and jeans with designs, writing, stains, holes, or patches are not permitted.
- Hoodies, sweatshirts, and fleece pullovers and zip-up jackets may be purchased on the Global Schoolwear website. CCS and other quarter-sized slogans, logos, emblems, and symbols are acceptable on outerwear. Students may wear purple, white, navy, light blue, black, or gray polos, sweaters, jackets, or hoodies, but the hood is not to be worn in the classroom.
- During cold weather, a heavy coat or jacket may be worn to and from school, or when moving from class to class, but not in the classroom. Coats may have a manufacturer's logo, but no additional lettering or character on it. Blankets may not be used in place of coats.
- Returning students are to be in the correct uniform on the first day of school.
- New students must be in uniform within two weeks of acceptance.

GYM UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

(Required for students in 5th grade and up)

- Purple, navy, or gray t-shirt (long or short sleeve) with CCS logo
- Purple, navy, black, or silver gym shorts – (must be long enough that the shorts meet the tip of the student's middle finger when held beside his/her thigh in a standing position, but no longer than knee length). Skorts are also acceptable for girls.
- White athletic socks
- Non-skid athletic shoes
- May wear a gray sweat suit in winter
- Note: Neck chains, bracelets, and watches should be removed for P.E., sports, and playground.

CHAPEL DRESS CODE – Wednesdays

(May be worn any day of the week, but is required on chapel days.)

- Purple, navy, light blue, or white polo or oxford (short- or long-sleeved) with CCS logo.
- Khaki pants (no shorts) for boys. Purple plaid or khaki skirt or jumper for girls.
- Solid-colored belt in pants with belt loops.
- Dress socks with khaki pants.
- A hoodie worn on Wednesdays must be purple, navy, white, black, or gray and have the CCS logo on it. (If worn, it must be on top of a chapel polo or oxford.)

REGULAR DRESS CODE

Uniform items approved for CCS may be worn interchangeably Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Boys (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

- Polo or oxford shirt – purple, navy, light blue, black, white, or gray, short or long-sleeved (Black and gray are no longer approved colors for polos.)
- Navy, black, gray, or khaki twill slacks or walking shorts
- Belts must be navy, black, or brown standard belts in pants with belt loops.
- Dress shoes, boots, or athletic shoes -see General Dress Code Guidelines

- Socks: solid-colored black, purple, khaki, white, or navy

Girls (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

- Polo shirt – purple, navy, light blue, black, white, or gray, short or long-sleeved (Black and gray are no longer approved colors for polos.)
- Blouse – white oxford – long or short sleeved
- Pants or Capris – black, navy, gray, or khaki twill
- Walking shorts/Culottes - black, navy, gray or khaki (no shorter than 5” from floor, kneeling)
- Skirt/skort – purple plaid, black, gray, navy, or khaki (no shorter than 5” from floor in kneeling position)
- Dress/jumper - purple plaid, navy, black, gray, or khaki (no shorter than 5” from floor in kneeling position) Please note that black and gray are no longer approved colors for dresses or jumpers.
- Belts must be navy, black, or brown standard belts.
- Shoes – See General Dress Code Guidelines.

FRIDAY AND FIELD TRIP DRESS CODE

Blue jeans (denim shorts or skirts) are permitted on **Friday only**, along with any CCS shirt or a t-shirt with a distinctly Christian message. CCS t-shirts may be ordered through the Citadel Parent Association.

Boys

- Any CCS t-shirt, CCS sweatshirt, or CCS hoodie
- Solid blue or black regular denim jeans or long denim shorts. Baggy, frayed or ragged jeans, and jeans with designs, writing, holes, or patches, are not permitted. May wear twill pants instead of jeans, if preferred.
- Belt
- Athletic shoes or boots (Pants may not be tucked into boots.)
- Socks: solid-colored black, purple, khaki, white, or navy for field trips. On Fridays, students may wear their choice of socks.

Girls

- Any CCS t-shirt, CCS sweatshirt, or CCS hoodie
- Solid black or blue denim jeans or long denim shorts or capris (not too tight). Baggy, frayed or ragged jeans, and jeans with designs, writing, holes, or patches, are not permitted. May wear twill pants or skirt if preferred.
- Belts must be navy, black, or brown standard belts.
- Athletic shoes or boots (Pants may not be tucked into boots.)
- Socks: solid-colored black, purple, khaki, white, or navy for field trips. On Fridays, students may wear their choice of socks.

Teachers reserve the right to determine the appropriate dress code standard for field trips. Chapel attire may be more appropriate than Friday Dress Code for some field trips.

Opportunities to vary from the standard dress code on special occasions will be announced in advance and may be school-wide or only class-wide.