

Non-Uniform Dress Code

DRESS CODE FOR APPROVED NON-UNIFORM OCCASIONS

The primary guidelines to be followed for approved non-uniform occasions are cleanliness, neatness, modesty, and style. If the style of dress or the appearance is disruptive to the educational process or constitutes a clear threat to the safety and/or health of the student, it shall not be permitted at school. Students not participating in non-uniform occasions must wear their daily uniform.

Specific guidelines for approved non-uniform occasions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Clothing or other articles that include profanity or obscenities, promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, is derogatory to any class or category of people, promotes political opinion, or causes disruption of the educational process are prohibited.
- Tank tops, spaghetti-strap, racer-back, backless clothing, or clothing that exposes the midsection or bare shoulder are not to be worn. Clothing with holes, tears, ravel, and patches are not to be worn.
- Shorts are NOT permitted unless they are CPS uniform shorts. Skirts/skorts/dresses (split skirts should appear to be skirts) should be 3" above the knee when standing and never be above the fingertips with arms held by the side. Leggings are NOT permitted to be worn as pants but may be worn under a dress.
- Shoes
 - Must be worn at all times.
 - No flip-flops, slippers, sandals, clogs, mules, high wedge/heel shoes, or rubber boots of any kind can be worn.
 - Boots: Only **2nd – 5th grade** students may wear winter boots, "Uggs", Cowboy boots, leather boots, fringed boots, etc. **For safety reasons, PK3 -1st Grade students are NOT allowed to wear boots of any kind.**
 - Students must have athletic shoes to participate in PE/recess.
- No Sunglasses, hats, caps, knit hats or hoodies may be worn in the building. Accessories of any kind that are disruptive to the educational process are prohibited.

In addition to the guidelines above, the following apply to specific occasions:

Elementary Holiday Dress Days

- Elementary students may wear appropriate holiday t-shirts for the following holidays: Fall/Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, and Easter.
- The holiday t-shirts must be worn with long blue jeans or uniform shorts/pants.
- **Shoes - only daily athletic uniform shoes** are permitted on Elementary Holiday Dress Days.

Dollar Dress Days

- Students not participating in Dollar Dress Day must wear the regular daily uniform.
- No additional guidelines to the non-uniform occasion guidelines.

Spirit Dress Days

- Students not participating in Spirit Dress Day must wear the regular daily uniform.
- Students may only wear jeans (NO holes, tears, ravel, and/or patches) or uniform pants/shorts with a school approved spirit shirt.
- **Exceptions during football season only:**
 - **PK3-1st grade girls may wear a CP/Redhawk cheer outfit in school colors only.**

- PK3-1st grade boys may wear a CP/Redhawk football jersey in school colors only.
- 2nd – 5th grade CP Bitty League cheerleaders and football players may wear their uniform during football season.
- Shoes - only daily athletic uniform shoes are permitted on Spirit Dress Days.

Homecoming Week Dress Days

- Students may dress in the designated theme for the day OR they must be in daily uniform.
- The general dress/grooming codes are NOT set aside for Homecoming Week; however, some specific guidelines may be set aside for the day, such as hats, socks, or shoes, with the prior approval of the Head of School or his/her designee.

For an event not covered above, the dress code will be determined at the discretion of the activity sponsor and approved by the Head of School or his designee.

GROOMING CODE

A general guideline for both male and female students is that if the grooming is distracting, disruptive, or outlandish, it will be prohibited.

Hair

- Hair shall be clean and neat at all times.
- Extreme haircuts, e.g. mohawks, carving, etc., and unnatural hair colors that are deemed outlandish, disruptive, or a distraction to the learning environment by the head of school and/or designee are not acceptable for males and females.
- Male students' hair must not be excessively long as determined by the head of school and/or designee (i.e., in general, hair must be above the collar in the back, above the eyebrows on the forehead, and not below the mid-ear on sides). The entire eye must be visible at all times when the hair is in a normal position without use of clips, bands, or other devices to hold hair in place. Upon receiving a written notice, a student will have 48 hours to bring hair into compliance.

Jewelry

- Male students are not permitted to wear earrings.
- Female students may wear conservative and appropriate earrings as long as they are not distracting. Other types of jewelry should be limited in size and quantity to avoid creating distraction or disruption.
- No visible body piercing and/or body art (including temporary tattoos) are permitted.

DRESS CODE/GROOMING CODE VIOLATIONS

Parents will be called to bring proper attire for most dress code violations. However, minor violations, such as having no belt or unapproved outerwear, will receive a written warning that must be signed by a parent. Disciplinary actions will be taken for repeated warnings.

The Head of School or his designee shall be the final interpreter of the dress code and grooming code.