

# Uniform Policy

## Why Uniforms?

CCS expects students to dress modestly and appropriately in a way that is not a distraction to teachers or other students. Appropriate clothing generates fewer distractions and establishes a more orderly classroom. Student apparel reflects the conduct, the attitudes, and also the quality of the school. There is an established relationship between good dress habits, good work habits, and proper school behavior. A designated student wardrobe is a positive way to establish neatness as a habit. These habits are likely to carry over to students' schoolwork. Uniforms also help to relieve peer pressure. Uniforms allow students to be recognized for who they are rather than what they wear, and help to promote school unity.

## General Guidelines

All clothing must fit properly, and be in good condition; no frayed hems, no holes, tears or excessive stains.

**Shirts:** Red, white and Navy blue polos are required, standard uniform clothing items. Plain red, white or Navy blue polo shirts. Shirts may be worn tucked in or out, and may have the CCS logo or no logo. Shirts must not extend past the hips. Only plain white t-shirts or tank tops may be worn under uniform polo shirts. Gray is not a standard uniform color.

**Bottoms:** All pants must be worn at the natural waist. Pants and shorts must be neither excessively tight fitting, nor excessively baggy. Navy blue or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers or skorts. Girls' skirts, jumpers, skorts and shorts must be no shorter than 3" about the top of the knee. Girls should wear knit shorts or leggings under their skirts and/or jumpers. If leggings are worn under skirts and jumpers, they must be navy, black, white or red. Jeggings or leggings are not allowed, except when worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers.

Boys' pants and shorts should be neat and clean. Pants should not have frayed hems, holes, or tears.

**Socks:** Socks must be worn, and should be dark navy blue, black, red or white. No other color is accepted. Girls' socks can be knee-highs, anklets or tights. **NEW:** 8th grade may wear any color of sock.

**Shoes:** Shoes must be closed toed and secure. No lights or bells on shoes, no sandals, no clogs, or Birkenstocks may be worn. No boots or Heelys are permitted.

**Warm Gear:** Students may wear the pullover Covenant sweatshirts with crew-neck. Additionally, hooded, zipper-front Navy blue sweatshirt with the CCS monogram and cougar applique if purchased in our gently-used uniform sales is permissible. Plain, solid Navy blue, black, red or white sweatshirts may be worn on any day, including Chapel days.

Solid black or Navy blue jackets are preferred. However, any jacket may be worn, but must not have pictures or sayings on them. Letterman jackets may only be worn by those student athletes who earn the jacket through participation or more of the CCS sports' programs.

**Hair:** Hair should be clean and neatly styled and groomed, and should be the child's natural hair color. Only natural highlights are permitted and only by students in junior high. Hair accessories may include: scrunchies, bows, headbands, barrettes, or ribbons. **Costume headbands are not permitted including, but not limited to, rabbits, cat ears, or unicorn horns.** 29

Boys hair must be natural color, and should be worn no longer than collar length in the back and above the eyebrows in the front.

**Accessories:** Girls may wear nail polish, but must be kept neat. Only stud earrings may be worn, and by girls only. Only one (1) earring on each ear may be worn. For safety reasons, dangling earrings and long necklaces may NOT be worn. No body ornamentation is permitted, including, but not limited to, nose rings or studs, tongue studs, or any other forms of body piercing. No visible tattoos are permitted.

**Make-up:** Middle school girls may wear light, understated makeup.

**School spirit day** is every Friday. School T-shirts or polo uniform shirts may be worn with blue denim bottoms. Denim apparel may consist of pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts. No appliques, designs or writing of any kind may be displayed on the denim bottoms. Denim shorts must be no shorter than 3” above the top of the knee. CCS Navy blue spirit t-shirts and sweatshirts may be purchased in the school office. **Note:** School spirit shirts must be worn on field trips (only on first day for overnight trips).

**Full dress scout uniforms** may be worn by girls and boys on the day(s) the group meets. Appropriate lengths for skirts, dresses, pants, and shorts per school Uniform dress code guidelines still apply.

**Official school Uniform supplier:** To ensure the integrity of our school colors, the red, white or Navy blue polo shirts and Navy blue or khaki uniform bottoms, **MUST** be purchased in the uniform section of such stores as Target, J.C. Penny, Kohl’s, Walmart or Sears.

CCS makes gently used uniform clothing items available for sale at very low cost to our families.