

Charlotte Christian School views an appearance code as an opportunity to teach students about discipline and responsibility within a community. Part of that discipline is helping our students understand standards for everyone and the need for conformity. Charlotte Christian students are required to dress modestly and neatly, as is appropriate for the particular occasion, and in a manner that is not distracting to the learning environment or that draws undue attention to themselves. Recognizing that there is no “perfect” appearance code, the following code is set forth, not as divine dictates, but as established community standards based on the following guiding principles:

Guiding Principles:

- A. Modesty and moderation (1 Timothy 2:9) – Modest, non-extreme dress is an outward sign of self control.
- B. Neatness and cleanliness (Matthew 25:21) – We are to take care of the possessions the Lord has given us and we are to honor God with our bodies.
- C. Community and conformity (I Cor. 10:31-33) – There are appropriate clothes for other places or events that should not be worn at school.

These standards have been chosen out of a desire to provide for a positive learning environment and for consistency of enforcement.

LOWER SCHOOL GUIDELINES

1. Students are to be neat and well-groomed. All attire is to be clean, modest, and not torn or ragged (no holes, patches or cutoffs).
2. Hair is to be neat, clean, and out of the eyes. Outlandish hairstyles or unnatural hair colors are not allowed.
3. Shoes must be closed-toed and closed-heeled.
4. Any clothing with printing or writing (including outerwear) is not allowed except for Charlotte Christian School T-shirts on Fridays and Charlotte Christian sweatshirts any day. Outerwear with writing/logo larger than a 3 x 5 index card is not permitted.
5. Boys must wear a collared shirt with sleeves.
6. Girls in grades JK-grade 5 may wear dresses and skirts. All dresses, skirts, or shorts must be mid-thigh or longer. Please be sure shorts are always worn under dresses and skirts. Girls may wear sleeveless tops with straps that are three fingers wide. No strapless tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, halter tops, or tube tops may be worn.
7. No lounge or pajama wear. Boys in grades [JK-grade 5](#) may wear athletic shorts Monday - Friday.
8. Jeans, khaki-type slacks, dress pants and capris are approved.
9. Hats, sweatshirt hoods, or sunglasses are not to be worn in the school buildings during the academic day.
10. The ONLY visible pierced jewelry allowed is earrings on girls. Boys may not wear earrings at any time, either to school or to any school event.

11. Permanent and/or temporary tattoos (doodling on arms, legs, etc.) must not be visible.
12. On Fridays all lower school students may wear Charlotte Christian School T-shirts and athletic shorts.
13. There may be special costume days when the appearance code is modified with teacher/administrator approval.

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Pants, Shorts or Skirts

1. Hemlines may not be shorter than **four inches above the top of the knee**.
2. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. Clothing with holes, patches, or ragged/frayed ends may not be worn. Ripped or torn jeans with holes (intended or not) are not appropriate.
3. Yoga pants and leggings are not considered pants. Any outfit that is worn with yoga pants/leggings must be appropriate to wear alone without the need for yoga pants/leggings.
4. Sweatpants or athletic pants/shorts are out of dress code during the school day.
5. **Joggers that are made of athletic or sweatpant material are out of dress code during the school day. This includes joggers that may come in athletic spirit packs.**

Shirts

1. Female shirts may not be plunging or revealing at the neckline. Shirts with large necklines that prevent the shirt from staying up on both shoulders at all times may not be worn.
2. Female shirts must have straps measuring at least two inches. Strapless, one shoulder, spaghetti strap, or racer back tops are not permitted.
3. Female shirts with loose fitting armholes, sheer or lace fabric, or cropped shirts must have a traditional two inch strap tank top or dress code approved shirt underneath.
4. Female undergarments (including bralettes) must not be visible under any shirt or dress.
5. **Female shirts must consistently cover the midsection while standing in a normal posture.**
6. Males must wear collared polos or golf shirts, button-down dress shirts, henley shirts, or pullovers with a quarter zip. Jackets zipped up over T-shirts are out of dress code.
7. CCS or college sweatshirts are approved attire for all students, any day of the week.
8. T-shirts may only be worn on Fridays and must be CCS or college-related.

Insignia, Emblems, Brands, and Words

Positive logos, brands, designs or college related clothing are permitted if they align with CCS culture and beliefs, and do not interfere with the learning environment.

Athletic/P.E. Attire

1. P.E. attire (sweatpants, athletic shorts, yoga pants, or cut/manipulated T-shirts) must not be worn in classrooms or common areas during the school day (including in the dining hall and during Senior Flex).
2. **All male and female shorts must have at least a three inch inseam. This includes athletic shorts worn during Windy Gap, field trips, or other co-curricular activities.**
3. T-shirts may not be altered, cut, twisted, or manipulated to expose unnecessary skin on the torso, back or chest area.

4. Athletic teams may choose to wear dress code appropriate clothing from their spirit pack on Fridays. The entire team must wear the same attire and the outfit must be approved by administration prior to the day it is worn.
5. During school hours, co-curricular activities, and athletic events, boys are expected to keep a shirt on at all times. Notable exceptions would be water activities for athletics.

General

1. Boy's/girl's hair must be of modest style, well-kept and neatly groomed. Unnatural colors of hair must be muted and not outrageous.
2. Boy's hair must remain above the collar without the use of rubber bands, barrettes, headbands, etc.
3. Facial hair on young men is allowed but must be neatly groomed.
4. Hats, sweatshirt hoods, headphones or sunglasses are not to be worn in the school buildings during the academic day unless permitted by a teacher or administrator.
5. The only visible pierced jewelry allowed is earrings on girls. Boys must not wear earrings at any time, either to school or to any school event. Girls with additional piercings (multiple earrings or nose ring) will be required to remove their jewelry when they arrive at school or put in an invisible spacer during the school day.
6. Tattoos, whether permanent or temporary, or doodling on the skin must not be visible. Students with tattoos will be required to cover their tattoos during the school day.
7. Athletic slides, rubber flip-flops, and pool shoes are not permitted.

Special Occasion Guidelines (special chapels and other announced occasions)

1. Boys and girls may wear dress pants or dress jeans (no rips or holes; no shorts).
2. Girl's dresses and skirts must meet the four-inch from the top of the knee standard. We ask that if your daughter cannot find a skirt/dress that meets the length requirement, please wear dress pants.
3. Boys must wear a collared shirt or tie.
4. No athletic slides, flip flops, or pool shoes.

APPEARANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT

We encourage parental direction and support since the burden of supervision rests with the parents. The appearance code is a set of guidelines, which parents are called to support and students are called to adhere. However, the final decision about the appropriateness of clothing or appearance for school rests with school administration - regardless of whether it is specifically addressed in the appearance code. It is the school's desire to be as consistent as possible in the enforcement of the school appearance code. However, it should be noted that the guidelines do not change because a student was not cited when wearing inappropriate school attire.

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