

High School Dress Code Policy

Christian Academy has adopted a uniform policy as a means of building character and distinction in the lives of the students. The policy is intended to serve as a tool to promote a student's self-respect, maintain an atmosphere consistent with our instructional goals, promote unity among students, and to provide the opportunity for Christian Academy students to make a positive statement in our community.

Beginning in ninth grade, Christian Academy High School students have expanded uniform options. There is no logo restriction for high school. Christian Academy High School students will adhere to the following guidelines:

Shirts - Basic crew style t-shirts are not to be worn to school except on Friday when students are to wear an approved CA spirit shirt.

All clothing should be in keeping with and in support of Christian ideals.

Young ladies may wear any color dress blouse/top with sleeves. No sleeveless or tank tops should be worn. Sheer fabrics are not permissible. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff. Undergarments should not be visible.

Young men may wear any color, collared shirt with sleeves. No sleeveless or tank tops should be worn.

Blazers/Jackets/Vests/Cardigan Sweaters – Young ladies and men may wear any color blazer/jacket/vest/cardigan sweater. Young men should wear a collared shirt at all times. Young ladies should wear a dress blouse/top at all times.
No basic t-shirts or tank tops should be worn.

Sweatshirts/Hoodies/Pull Over Sweaters– High School students may wear any color sweatshirt/hoodie/pull over sweater.
Any shirt visible underneath should follow the shirt guideline stated above.

Pants - Young ladies and men may wear any solid color or print pant. Leggings, yoga pants or sweat pants should not be worn to school. Blue jeans should only be worn on Spirit Days. Pants should not be excessively tight fitting or baggy in appearance. Pants should be in good repair with no holes, rips or tears.

Capris - Young ladies may wear any solid color or print capris. Blue jeans should only be worn on Spirit Days. Pants should not be excessively tight fitting or baggy in appearance. Pants should be in good repair with no holes, rips or tears.

Shorts - Young ladies and men may wear any solid color or print shorts. Shorts should be **knee length** (Bermuda length -approximately 9-12 inches). No knit shorts or athletic shorts should be worn to school. Blue jean shorts should only be worn on Spirit Days. Shorts should not be excessively tight fitting or baggy in appearance.

Dresses – Young ladies may wear any color dress with sleeves that is **knee length or below**. No sleeveless or tank dresses should be worn to school.

Skirts- Young ladies may wear any solid color skirt that is **knee length or below**.

Shoes - Young ladies and men may wear any type of shoe. Sandals and flip flops are allowed.

Game Day Dress

Athletes should wear khaki pants and a team t-shirt. If a team t-shirt is not available, the CA spirit shirt can be worn. Athletes should follow this guideline unless given other directions from their coach. CA issued sweat suits may be worn if directed by the coach.

Appearance

- **All clothing should be in keeping with and in support of Christian ideals.**
- **Modesty should be the key when making clothing choices.**
- **Girls may wear light makeup and age- appropriate jewelry, none of which should cause excessive attention to one's self.**
- **No facial or tongue piercings are allowed.**
- **Boys are not allowed to wear earrings, makeup or nail color.**
- **Hair—Boys should have clean-cut hairstyles that are not excessively long. Bangs cannot cover the eyes and hair cannot be longer than chin length or it must be neatly pulled back.**
- **Facial hair should be kept short, well groomed and neatly trimmed.**
- **Students are only allowed to wear jewelry that is in keeping with and in support of Christian ideals.**
- **No student should wear his/her hair in a way that draws unnecessary attention to one's self.**
- **Hats should not be worn in the building.**
- **All clothing should be in good repair (no holes, rips or tears).**

CA Spirit Day

Every Friday is CA Spirit Day. On this day, students can wear an approved Christian Academy spirit t-shirt. CA spirit shirts proudly display the Christian Academy logo (academic, athletic, fine arts) and/or the words "Christian Academy" and can be worn with jeans, which are neat in appearance (no holes, rips or tears) or other school-approved bottom. This is a day to look forward to proudly showing school spirit by wearing approved Christian Academy attire. CA t-shirts may also be worn on appropriate field trips. Outerwear (hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets) should be in the red, white and/or navy color scheme. Students may also choose to wear an approved CA Athletic Booster Club sweatshirt. Any student not in spirit attire should be in regular school uniform.

Dress Down Days

Dress Down Days are planned in conjunction with special events. Students may wear their choice of clothing. Otherwise stated uniform guidelines are still to be followed. This includes, but is not limited to:

- All clothing should be in keeping with and in support of Christian ideals.
- Shorts should be **knee length** (Bermuda length -approximately 9-12 inches). Athletic shorts may be worn on Dress Down Days only.
- Regular loose fitting athletic pants may be worn on Dress Down Days only.
- Leggings should not be worn as pants. Leggings should only be worn under tunic tops, skirts or dresses knee length or longer. Yoga pants or thin knit pants should not be worn to school.
- Pajama pants should not be worn as pants.
- Tank tops or sleeveless tops should not be worn (sleeves are required).
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Sheer fabrics are not permissible.
- All clothing should be in good repair (no holes, rips or tears).
- Dresses/tunics/skirts should be **knee length or longer**.

Dress for Special Events

Dress requirements will be given to the students prior to each special event. All students are expected to dress modestly and appropriately for the event they are attending. Students will be expected to follow the dress requirement or may not be allowed to participate in the planned event. Students are expected to share the guidelines with any guests.

Keep in mind...

- Young men may be required to tuck in shirts and wear belts with any slacks which have belt loops when off campus.

- Young ladies will not be required to tuck in shirts that have neat, finished hems.
- Skirts/Dresses worn to academic events should be knee length or longer.
- Students attending a SCISA event must follow SCISA guidelines.
- Young men may be asked to wear a blazer to clearly defined community events.
- The type of pant, shirt, blazer and tie required for young men will be defined by the event and determined by the administration.
- Shoes should be appropriate for the time of day and type of event.

Dress Code for Senior Day and Graduation

Seniors

Senior Day

Young ladies: Dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Pant outfits are also appropriate. No strapless dresses/tops please. Shoes should be modest in height and comfortable to stand and walk in as they will be moving on and off the stage.

Young men should wear dress slacks, a dress shirt with a tie and dress shoes. No tennis shoes please. Blazers optional.

Graduation

Young ladies: Dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Pant outfits are also appropriate.

Shoes should be modest in height and comfortable to stand and walk in as they will be moving on and off the stage.

Young men should wear dress slacks, a dress shirt (white or light blue) with a tie (red/navy color scheme) and dress shoes. No tennis shoes please.

Junior Marshals

Senior Day

Young ladies should wear traditional Sunday church attire. Dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. No strapless dresses/tops please. Shoes should be modest in height and comfortable to stand and walk in as they will be on their feet quite a bit. In order to identify our Junior Marshals, they will wear a white sash during the events.

Young men should wear dress slacks, a white dress shirt with a tie, a blazer, and dress shoes. No tennis shoes please.

Graduation

Young ladies should wear traditional Sunday church attire. Dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. No strapless dresses/tops please. Shoes should be modest in height and comfortable to stand and walk in as they will be on their feet quite a bit. **The tradition is for Junior Marshals to wear white to graduation.** Please note that wearing white is optional. We are not requiring you to purchase a white dress. In order to identify our Junior Marshals, they will wear a white sash during the events.

Young men should wear dress slacks, a white dress shirt with a tie, a blazer, and dress shoes. No tennis shoes please.

Event Dress Code for Dances and Prom

Young ladies are asked to wear a dress or gown that is modest in appearance, one that shows no cleavage and is no shorter

than four inches above the knee. Formal floor length or tea length gowns are encouraged for the Prom. Two-piece dresses showing midriff should be modest and cover the belly button with not more than one inch visibility. Dresses should not have side, front or back slits that are above four inches above the knee. Strapless or halter dresses are allowed, however they should show no cleavage. Dresses with low necklines or revealing necklines are not appropriate. Dresses should be cut no lower than the middle of the back.

Young men may choose to wear a tuxedo to the Prom, but please know that this is optional. Wearing a jacket, tie and dress slacks is appropriate as well.

Administration is always here to help. If you have a question about a particular outfit, please see Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Fowler or Dr. Marcin.

Final discretion and decisions about appearance lie with the administration of the school.

It is important that the established uniform policy be accepted and enforced consistently by the student and the parent. Disregard of the uniform policy may result in disciplinary action. Final discretion and decisions about uniform policy lie with the administration of the school. It is each student's responsibility to follow the uniform policy at all times.

HANDLING DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

For High school, no warnings will be issued. Any student in violation of the dress code will be sent to the front office to call home. A parent will be required to bring the appropriate clothing to school before the student will be allowed to return to the classroom. The teacher identifying the violation will complete a discipline form. The form should be turned in to the Dean of Students to be kept on file.