

Elementary Dress Code

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CHA is committed to training American Christian leaders for every sphere of society. Within the employment sector, there are standards of dress. CHA's dress code is a tool which prepares students to be leaders in the workforce by teaching them to adhere to a standard as they practice Christian self-government. This policy is not intended to measure spirituality, but to foster a positive learning environment.

Dress Code Definitions for all Students

1. Regular School Day Dress: To be worn on Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays
2. Dress Days: To be worn on Wednesdays and designated programs
3. CHA Shirt Day: To be worn on Fridays
4. Activity Dress: The dress code for all extracurricular school activities - including weekend and holiday events
5. Athletic Event Dress: The dress code for students at after-school athletic events
6. Cold Weather Day: The dress code for days notified through Remind app. Students and parents may sign up for "Remind app" notifications of cold weather days.

BOYS

General

- Clothing should have no writing or advertisement (other than a small logo), except for clothing that is purchased through CHA.
- No tattoos should be visible.
- Young men may have no pierced jewelry on any part of the body.
- Jewelry which draws undue attention should not be worn.
- No hats are to be worn in buildings.

Hair

- Hair should be neat and clean.
- Hair should be cut above the shirt collar, the eyebrows, and the ears (not just combed off the eyebrows and ears).
- Hair should not be completely or partially shaved nor shorter than 1/4 inch (a #2 guard), but should be conservative and traditional. Questions concerning this should be asked before receiving a haircut.
- Hair color should not be changed in any way.
- Faces should be cleanly shaven.

Pants

- Chapel dress is dress slacks/uniform pants (inset pockets with no brads).
- Pant colors are limited to shades of brown, tan, black, navy, and gray.
- Jeans may be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Low-cut, tight, "skinny", cargo, carpenter, or baggy jeans/pants may not be worn.
- Pant length must be no higher than the top of the ankle.
- Jeans/pants should not have holes, patches, pocket design, nor be faded, well-worn, or frayed.
- Belts must be worn on all clothing with belt loops, if visible.

- Overalls are not to be worn.
- No elastic-bottom pants may be worn.

Shirts

- Shirts must have fold-over collars.
- Shirts must be tucked in (shirt must be long enough to remain tucked in when arms are extended).
- Long-sleeved shirts must be buttoned at the cuff or rolled no higher than the elbow.
- Only solid, striped, plaid, or patterned shirts may be worn. There should be no pictures on the shirts.
- Thermal or thermal-looking shirts may not be worn.
- The top button on a dress shirt or the top two buttons on a pullover shirt may be left unbuttoned.
- Sweaters not tucked in must hang no lower than just below the belt.
- 3/4 zip shirts may be worn untucked and must hang no lower than just below the belt.
- CHA Shirt - Any shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie produced by CHA is considered a CHA shirt and may be worn on CHA Shirt Days.

Outer Clothing

- Pullover hoodies may not be worn in class (except on CHA Shirt Days, as defined above).
- Zippered hoodies and jackets may be worn any day as long as the underlying shirt meets the assigned dress code for the day.
- Unbuttoned shirts may not be worn as a jacket.

Shoes and Socks

- Socks must be worn at all times.
- Dress shoes or informal loafers in traditional colors (brown, black, burgundy) must be worn on chapel days.
- Shoes that require laces must have laces in place and tied.
- PK - 1st graders must wear tennis shoes every day except Chapel Dress Days and special events.
- Boys may not wear sandals or flip flops.
- Boys may wear cowboy boots unless they interfere with PE and/or recess.
- Traditional croc-style shoes with the domed-holed toe may not be worn to school.

Shorts

- Shorts must be long uniform shorts - available from stores where they are specifically designated as "Uniform Shorts"
- Shorts may be worn any day, except chapel day.
- Shorts colors are limited to shades of brown, tan, black, navy, and gray.
- Shirts worn with uniform shorts must be polo-style shirts with the exception of Fridays. On Fridays, CHA t-shirts may be worn with the uniform shorts.
- Shirts must be tucked in except on Fridays.
- Belts must be worn on any clothing with belt loops.
- Athletic shoes must be worn with the shorts uniform.
- Shorts may be worn before November 1 and after March 1.

Activity Dress/After-school Athletic Event (i.e. ball games, field trips where appropriate)

- Jeans, wind pants, cargo pants, or uniform shorts may be worn.
- CHA sweatshirts and CHA t-shirts may be worn.
- CHA shirts may be worn untucked on CHA shirt days.
- On work project days overalls may be worn.

GIRLS



General

- Clothing should have no writing or advertisement (other than a small logo) except for clothing that is purchased through CHA.
- No tattoos should be visible.
- Girls may wear pierced jewelry only in the ear lobe. Gauges are not to be worn.
- Jewelry which draws undue attention should not be worn.
- No hats are to be worn in buildings.
- Undergarments must not be seen through clothing.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, clean, conservative, and traditional. Questions about this should be asked prior to making a questionable change in hairstyle.
- Any changes in hair color should be to a *natural* color.

Dresses and Skirts

- On Dress Days, girls must wear dresses or skirts unless a notification has been sent through the Remind App indicating it is a cold weather day.
- Dress and skirt lengths are to be at or below the knee (**not above the kneecap**—2" above the floor when kneeling).
- Slits in dresses and skirts should be no higher than 2" above the floor when kneeling. The length should be no more than 2 ½ inches (approximately the width of a lady's hand).
- Leggings to the ankle or tights are permitted and can be worn under dresses or skirts that meet the above length.
- Girls in PK - 4th grade must wear shorts under dresses and skirts on the playground and in PE class. Shorts must be worn with tights and/or leggings as well.

Pants

- Pants may be worn for Regular School Day Dress.
- Pants must be uniform style pants (inset pockets with no brads).
- Pant colors are limited to shades of brown, tan black, navy, and gray.
- Pants should be loose-fitting. No undergarment lines should be showing.
- Pant length must be no higher than the top of the ankle.
- Belts must be worn on all clothing with belt loops, when shirts are tucked in.
- Overalls are not to be worn.
- No elastic-bottom pants

Shirts

- No sleeveless tops.
- Tops must be modest, neat, and loose-fitting, and may be worn un-tucked (except flannel and Oxford style shirts) with no midriff showing when arms are extended overhead.
- Necklines must be modest. At minimum, tops should be no lower than the width of the palm of the hand from the collarbone.
- Tops that are sheer, have low backs (below mid-shoulder blades), or have cutouts may not be worn, unless a top which meets dress code guidelines is worn underneath.
- Thermal or thermal-like shirts should not be worn.

- Only solid, striped, plaid, or patterned shirts may be worn. There should be no pictures on shirts unless they are a pattern (flowers, butterflies, hearts, etc.).

Undergarments

- Undergarments must be worn. These should include a camisole for light-weight blouses.
- Slips are needed in all circumstances where the skirt of dress is not made of heavy material.

Outer Clothing

- Pullover hoodies may not be worn in class (except on CHA shirt days – as defined above).
- Zippered hoodies and jackets may be worn any day.
- No oversized unbuttoned shirts may not be worn as a jacket.

Shoes and Socks

- Shoes must be worn properly at all times, including laces tied when applicable.
- Girls may not wear high heels (except 5th/6th grade girls on Chapel Dress Days).
- Shoes must have strapping or a body that holds the foot firmly.
- Flip-flops may not be worn.
- PK - 1st graders must wear tennis shoes (or rubber sole Toms/Mary Janes) every day except Chapel Dress Days and special events.
- Socks must be worn with athletic shoes.
- Athletic shoes, casual tennis shoes such as Toms, Keds or Vans, and Chacos or similar style sandals may be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Boots may be worn as long as they do not interfere with PE and/or recess.
- Traditional croc-style shoes with the domed-holed toe may not be worn to school.

Shorts

- Shorts must be long uniform shorts - available from stores where they are specifically designated as “Uniform Shorts”.
- Shorts may be worn any day, except chapel day.
- Shorts may be worn before November 1 and after March 1.
- Shorts colors are limited to shades of brown, tan, black, navy, and gray.
- Shirts worn with uniform shorts must be polo-style shirts with the exception of Fridays. On Fridays, CHA t-shirts may be worn with the uniform shorts.
- Belts must be worn on any clothing with belt loops.
- Athletic shoes, Toms-style slip on shoes, and Mary Jane-style shoes must be worn with the shorts uniform. Girls in grades 3-6 may wear sandals with the shorts uniform. Socks are not required with sandals.

Activity Dress (i.e. ball games, field trips where appropriate)

- Wind pants, cargo pants, or uniform shorts may be worn.
- Jeans (pants with brads), corduroy pants cut like jeans, leather pants, sweat pant-style pants, stretch pant-style pants, and pajama-style pants may not be worn.
- Pants should be loose-fitting. No undergarment lines should be showing.
- CHA sweatshirts and CHA t-shirts may be worn.
- On work project days, jeans or overalls may be worn.

After-School Athletic Event Dress (Activity dress guidelines apply with the following addition.)

- Jeans may be worn.
- Jeans/pants should not have holes, patches, pocket design, nor be faded, well-worn, or frayed.