

## **The goal of the CCA dress code is to ensure:**

- Students are dressed in a manner that is clean, neat, conservative and modest.
- Teachers are able to focus on learning rather than policing dress code.

## **Our primary objective is to teach students:**

- The values of appropriate dress rather than dictating detailed rules.
- To avoid extremes and practice moderation for any style.

## **Students who violate the dress code may be:**

- Addressed by the CCA Headmaster or
- Sent to the office to call parents to come and provide a change of clothes.

The administration expects faculty, students, and families to display a cooperative and respectful attitude in regard to uniforms. We strongly urge parents to help us by purchasing modest non-printed polo shirts, blouses, etc. The administration retains the right to determine whether an individual student's appearance meets these qualifications.

## **Why Do Schools Have Uniforms and Dress Codes?**

Many schools have implemented uniforms and dress codes for both practical and social reasons. Practically speaking, a standardized uniform allows a child to get by with a minimum amount of clothing. You have your everyday wear and then a Sunday best outfit for more formal occasions. A uniform often serves as a marvelous equalizer of social status. It matters not whether you are the Earl of Snowdon or the son of the local greengrocer when you follow the dress code. Everybody looks the same. Uniformity rules.

Do uniforms improve test scores and enhance discipline?

Long Beach Unified School District, back in the '90s, instituted a dress code policy for its students. Proponents of the policy claimed that the dress code created a climate for education, which led to improved test scores and better discipline. Research may vary on this, and responses from parents often differ from teachers, with parents (and students) arguing for more flexibility for personal style and expression, while teachers are often largely supportive of uniforms and dress codes because of the perceived improvements in both student performance and behavior. That said, private schools generally create a climate for learning more consistently than public schools do to begin with.

Uniforms and dress codes are just one part of the formula for success. The real secret to success is consistently enforcing rules and regulations. Hold students accountable and you will see results.

## **Pros of School Uniforms:**

- Preventing gang colors, ect. in schools
- Decreasing violence and theft because of clothing and shoes
- Instilling discipline among students
- Reducing distractions for students
- Instilling a sense of community
- Helping schools recognize those who do not belong on campus

## Crossroads Christian Academy Dress Code

### Tops

(ONLY the CCA logo may be visible on shirts, sweaters, etc.)

Polo/Oxford-style shirt - collared (long or short sleeve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid colors: Burgundy, gray, white, navy blue, and black</li> <li>• Stomach must be covered at all times (Stomach cannot show when arms are raised)</li> </ul>
Girls Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumpers, skirts, shirt dresses (must be uniform dress with collar): gray, khaki (tan), navy blue, black, and burgundy</li> <li>• Camisoles (if worn) must match the shirt color and must not show above the shirt</li> <li>• Tank tops, see-through, stretchy material (such as lycra), or sleeveless shirts/dresses are not allowed</li> </ul>
Sweaters/Cardigans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid colors: burgundy, gray, white, navy blue, and black (school approved collared shirt must be worn under pullover sweater)</li> </ul>
Undershirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only previously stated colors are to be worn under polo shirts</li> </ul>
<h3><u>Bottoms</u></h3> <p>(if logo is present, it must be same color as bottoms, no pants/shorts with excess pockets or cargo shorts)</p>	
Pants/shorts or skirts/skorts for girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid colors: (gray, khaki (tan), navy blue, burgundy, and black)</li> <li>• Worn above the hip (not below)</li> <li>• Bottoms must be worn no more than 2 inches from the top of the knee</li> <li>• Modesty shorts can be worn underneath skirts</li> <li>• Tights/leggings (without lace) may be worn under skirts or dresses (school colors)</li> <li>• No leggings or jeggings</li> <li>• No wind pants, no athletic pants or shorts</li> <li>• No underwear showing</li> <li>• No capris</li> </ul>
<h3>Shoes</h3>	
Shoes for daily wear (boys)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed toed shoes (No crocs)</li> </ul>

Shoes for daily wear (girls)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed toed shoes (No crocs)</li> <li>• No high heels</li> </ul>
Special Clothing Attire	
*At time of enrollment, the office will get sizes for Land's End Presentation Wear Items*	
Special Presentation Days <i>*All presentation clothing will be purchased from Land's End through the school office.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys: Land's End white oxford shirt embroidered with school logo, tucked in with khaki pants, plaid tie, black or brown belt, and dark dress shoes.</li> <li>• Girls PreK-5th: Land's End white peter pan collared shirt embroidered with school logo, plaid jumper, white knee socks, dark dress shoes.</li> <li>• Girls 6th-12th: Land's End white button down shirt embroidered with school logo, plaid skirt, dark (flat) dress shoes.</li> <li>• Hair bows are to be white (if worn), no ponytails.</li> </ul>
Wednesday (Chapel Only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Oxford/Polo style shirt tucked in during chapel. ( <i>K5-12th grade boys &amp; girls</i>)</li> <li>• Boys – pants in previously stated colors with belt</li> <li>• Girls – pants/skirts/skorts/dresses in previously stated colors</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student choice of polo/oxford, Crossroads Christian Academy t-shirt, or school colored sweatshirt with previously stated bottoms.</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student choice of Crossroads Christian Academy t-shirt with previously stated bottoms or jeans.</li> <li>• Jeans with holes or the appearance of holes are not permitted</li> </ul>
Accessories	
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neat, clean, and not distracting</li> <li>• Natural color</li> <li>• Out of eyes</li> <li>• Boys must be clean shaven</li> </ul>
Jewelry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservative</li> </ul>
Makeup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modestly applied makeup</li> </ul>
Outerwear (such as jackets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid school colors: burgundy, gray, navy blue, black, and white</li> <li>• Label with child's name</li> <li>• No jackets with large logo or writing</li> <li>• No hoodies</li> </ul>

General Uniform and Appearance Guidelines
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<b>NO:</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Body piercings other than ears, and no ear gauges</li></ul>                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gaudy or inappropriate jewelry</li></ul>                                                                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distracting socks or shoes</li></ul>                                                                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caps or hats</li></ul>                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sweatpants or clothes that are worn, ragged, sloppy, oversized, too tight or too baggy</li></ul>                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tank tops or crop tops</li></ul>                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clothing with offensive, inappropriate words (i.e., obscenities, alcohol or tobacco advertisements, dragons, skulls, or aliens, etc.)</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spandex bike-riding type shorts</li></ul>                                                                                                       |