

## GENERAL DRESS CODE RATIONALE/EXPECTATIONS

Here at Conway Christian, our dress code is designed to achieve three primary goals. First, to encourage our student body to reflect the attitude of Jesus Christ, to the best of our ability. Second, to foster a positive, productive, and inclusive learning environment with minimal distractions and divisions. And third, to model professional settings and help reinforce time and place limitations on clothing and appearance.

In keeping with those three goals, the CCS dress code has been revised and compiled with three basic standards in mind. **These standards apply on no uniform days as well as regular uniform days.**

1. Clothing should be modest in appearance, including both normal dress code days, school events/performances, and no uniform days (e.g. appropriately sized, not overtly tight/clingy/short, undergarments/cleavage/midriff should not be visible, not sheer/see-through).
2. Clothing should not be a distraction during the school day. On no uniform days, clothing should be free of text/images that are profane/offensive, rude, inappropriate, political, or otherwise distracting.
3. Clothing and grooming/hygiene should be reasonably neat and professional in appearance.

Parents are responsible for sending their children to school with correct dress and grooming. **Administration has the authority to interpret and enforce dress code expectations.** Violation of any portion of the dress code may result in disciplinary action, with or without warning. CCS reserves the right to alter or adjust these expectations at any time.

### Boys

- Neatly groomed hair, conservative style, and natural color (no purple, pink, etc.)
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted
- Must be clean-shaven, facial hair not permitted unless approved by the administration
- Caps or hats should not be worn, unless administration gives specific approval
- No visible earrings, tattoos, or body piercings are permitted

### Girls

- Neatly groomed hair, conservative style, and natural color (no purple, pink, etc.)
- No sheer/see-through clothing
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted
- Caps or hats should not be worn, unless administration gives specific approval
- No excessive ear-piercing

- No visible tattoos or body piercings are permitted

## HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

These dress code guidelines apply to the entire school day from entering the school building until leaving.

### Everyday Dress: Boys & Girls

#### Shirts

- Students must wear a traditional polo shirt or Oxford-style button up shirt (no flannel shirts) with a collar. Shirts must be buttoned appropriately; button up shirts may not be worn as jackets.
- Shirts may be of any color and any conservative pattern/style (e.g. checks or plaid allowed, Hawaiian style shirts with large prints or camo not allowed).
- Small logos are permitted on shirts (e.g. Nike swoosh, Polo horse) but all logos must be smaller than a baseball/closed fist.
- Short or long sleeves are acceptable on all shirts; no sleeveless.
- Short/cropped shirts are not permitted—all shirts must cover the waistband of pants/shorts at all times.
- A dress code compliant collared shirt must be worn under ALL outerwear (including quarter zips) during the school day. Collar should be visible at all times.

#### Pants/Shorts

- Students may wear khaki/tan, navy, gray, or black pants or shorts.
- Length of shorts should fall NO HIGHER THAN 6 inches from the kneecap (use the length of a dollar bill for approximate measure).
- No undergarments should be visible at the bottom of shorts (including spandex).
- Pants & shorts must have a traditional structured and tailored/professional look—NO joggers or cinched hems, NO athlesisure style pants, NO spandex/sweatpant material allowed.
- Pants & shorts must fit appropriately: not overtly tight/clingy or baggy.
- No patterns, holes or shredding allowed in pants/shorts (unfinished hems are acceptable on pants, but not cutoff shorts).

#### Skirts

- Students may wear khaki/tan, navy, gray, or black skirts.
- Skirts should reach a length of approximately 3 inches from the top of the knee (in front AND in back). Use the width of a dollar bill (the short end) for an approximate measurement.
- No spandex/sweatpant material.

### **Sweaters/Outerwear**

- Students may wear sweaters, cardigans, pullovers, sweatshirts, and vests in classrooms that follow the pattern & logo policy for uniform shirts (solid color, conservative pattern, small logo—see shirt section above). Logos and writing are not permitted on the back or sleeves of outerwear. Camo outerwear is not permitted.
- Students may wear Conway Christian or other Christian-themed sweatshirts with larger writing/logos.
- Full-zip jackets are not permitted to be worn in class.
- All outerwear must be an appropriate length—no cropped sweaters/pullovers, and sweaters/sweatshirts may not completely cover shorts.
- A dress code compliant collared shirt must be worn under ALL outerwear during the school day (including quarter zips). Collar should be visible at all times.

### **Shoes**

- Students must wear closed toe shoes at school. Open toe shoes, including slides, sandals, and Crocs or other shoes with holes, are not allowed (even with socks).
- Flip-flops and houseshoes/slippers are not permitted at school.
- Students must comply with shoe guidelines for specific class circumstances (e.g. tennis shoes for lab days, athletic shoes for P.E.).

### **Fridays/Spirit Days**

- Subject to administrative approval, on Fridays & spirit days students may wear CCS t-shirts with blue jeans or dress code pants/shorts.
- Any student not wearing a CCS t-shirt should wear a dress code collared shirt.
- SENIORS ONLY may wear college/university t-shirts and sweatshirts on Fridays.

### **Athletic Team Apparel on Game Days**

- Only administration-approved athletic team apparel can be worn to school on the days of athletic events, and the entire team must participate for this to be allowed.

*\*\*Clothing WILL NOT be provided by the office when the student is out of dress code. It will be the responsibility of the student and the parent to get into compliance in the quickest manner necessary. All time missed from class will be marked as an unexcused absence and all daily missing work will be recorded as a zero.*