

DRESS CODE

Students and teachers are focused throughout the day on learning, therefore, no article of clothing shall be worn that distracts from that charge. While fashions change, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

Sixth-Twelfth Grade Dress Code Requirements

Students grades 6-12 may choose to wear jeans. Jeans should not have holes or frayed hems and must be worn at the waist on top of the hips. Students may also have the option to wear the school uniform daily, refer to Dress Code Grades K-5.

The following items will not be allowed: spandex, lycra, leather, wet look, mesh, sheer, metallic, fishnet, frayed hems, pajama pants, stripes, "lace up" on ankles or waist pants (drawstring waist is okay).

Skirts, skorts, shorts, pants, jeans, leggings and dresses may also be worn. No hip-huggers, low rise, - sagging pants. Proper undergarments should be worn but should not be visible.

Students have the option of wearing dress shoes/boots or tennis shoes to school every day. Appropriate footwear should be worn during the quarter students have Physical Education or the grade will be impacted.

All hats are to be removed upon entering the building. We embrace and celebrate the diversity of our school, so scarves or head coverings worn for religious reasons are permitted. Head coverings worn for any other reason will not be permitted. Other items such as bandannas, sweatbands, combs, rakes, picks, or rollers are not to be worn as clothing.

All outerwear such as coats, jackets, oversized shirts, wind shirts, hats, etc. are not to be worn inside during the school day. Should the occasion arise that a room is cold, CPA administrators will allow jackets to be worn. Hoodie's may be worn, preferably CPA logo wear, however, **no hoods may be worn on the head at anytime.**

Non-jewelry chains including, but not limited to, chains attached to wallets or purses may not be worn. No chains or dangling belts. Students should not have writing, or temporary tattoos on their skin or clothes. Piercing jewelry may be worn only in ears. Any jewelry deemed harmful to the wearer or distracting to other students in the classroom must be removed. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building (exceptions allowed for medical reasons).

If the style of a student's hair is a distraction to the learning environment school administration has the right to require that the student's hair be altered before they are allowed back in class. Students are not permitted to have words cut into their hair.

No clothing or accessory with obscene language, pictures or statements pertaining to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex or violence is permitted. Hems must be finished (no cut-offs or frayed hems).

Columbus Preparatory Academy's logo wear provider is 1st Place Spirit Wear.

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/OH/Columbus/Columbus+Preparatory+Academy>

Items may be ordered, purchased, and directly sent to your home from the site. There is a 12 day turnaround time for items ordered. Please plan in advance so that items arrive prior to the start of the school year. Items are available throughout the year for purchase. Any item on the site is deemed as acceptable daily school wear.

Should the student come to school in attire outside of these requirements we will:

- Call home for replacements.
- Try to find the student acceptable replacements from our extra uniforms.

If a student borrows clothing from the school office, they should wash and return those clothes within a week.

Exceptions/Dress Down Policy/Spirit Days

If a teacher is conducting a special activity that requires special attire, the staff member will seek prior approval from the administration and contact the parents in advance in writing about the event and type of clothing. (Blitz) Special days may be designated as school spirit days. On these days a school or CPA team T-shirt or sweatshirt may be worn.

If any type of clothing worn at school leads to confusion or misunderstanding, the administration will make the final decision as to the clothing's appropriateness.

Students who are representing Columbus Preparatory Academy at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements.