

## 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.

### Kindergarten - Fifth Grade Dress Code Requirements

Students are required to wear the school uniform daily. Shirts must be solid white, gray, and blue. (No sleeveless or spaghetti straps), polo or oxford styles are acceptable. Shirts should be worn with appropriate script, violent and vulgar script is inappropriate. The Columbus Preparatory Academy logo is always allowed and school logo'd t-shirts are also acceptable.

V-neck, cardigan, fleece, pullover that has a zipper at the top, vest or crewneck sweater or sweatshirt may be worn. Students may wear jackets to school to protect them from the weather, however, must be removed once the student is in the classroom. 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 on the head at anytime.**

Slacks, shorts and Capri's must be solid khaki, navy, or black in color. The following items will not be allowed: spandex, lycra, leather, wet look, mesh, sheer, metallic, fishnet, frayed hems, stripes, "lace up" on ankles or waist pants (drawstring waist is okay). Pants must be worn at the waist on top of the hips.

Skirts, skorts, shorts, or jumpers in navy, khaki, or black may also be worn. Leggings, stockings or knee-highs should all be one color of white, blue or black. No designs please. Shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers and shorts must not be any shorter than mid-thigh.

Pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be worn with the waistline at the waist level. No hip-huggers, low rise, sagging pants. Proper undergarments should be worn but should not be visible.

Shirts should remain tucked during the school day for student and teacher safety.

Students have the option of wearing dress shoes or tennis shoes to school every day. No open toed shoes.

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, hooded sweatshirts, hats, etc. are not to be worn inside during the school day.

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.

No hair spiking or unnaturally colored hair (i.e. green, blue, orange). Students are not permitted to have words cut into their hair.

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.

No clothing or accessory with obscene language, pictures or statements pertaining to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex or violence is permitted. No clothing with holes or tears. Hems must be finished (no cut-offs or frayed hedges). Sunglasses may not be worn in the building (exceptions allowed for medical reasons).

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 you have your 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, and jeans are approved during these events.

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.