

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.

The following are the dress code requirements:

Kindergarten - Ninth Grade:

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.

Students are required to wear the school uniform daily:

Shirts:

- Shirts must be solid white, gray, or blue. (No sleeveless or spaghetti straps). **Shirts must be collared shirts.** Shirts should be worn with the appropriate non-violent and non-vulgar script and may be polo or Oxford style. The Columbus Preparatory Academy logo is always allowed and school 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.
- Shirts should remain tucked during the school day for student and teacher safety.
- Students may wear jackets to school to protect them from the weather, but they must be removed once the student is in the classroom. Should the occasion arise that a room is cold, CPA faculty and administration will allow jackets to be worn.
- **Hoodies are not permitted at any time inside the school building in Kindergarten through 9th grades.**

Bottoms:

- 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, sweatpants, stripes, "lace up" on ankles or waist pants (drawstring waist is okay).
- Pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be worn with the waistline at the waist level. No hip-huggers, low-rise, or sagging pants.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers, and shorts must not be any shorter than mid-thigh.
- Proper undergarments should be worn but should not be visible.
- Shirts should remain tucked during the school day for student and teacher safety.

Accessories:

- 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 - Belly rings should not be visible.
- Any jewelry deemed harmful to the wearer or distracting to other students in the classroom must be removed.
- No hats, bonnets, scarves, or non-religious headwear is permitted.
- Hairstyles that may be deemed distracting may require alterations before returning to school the following day.
- 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). Sunglasses may not be worn in the building (exceptions allowed for medical reasons).
- Sneakers are preferred, any color. No open-toed shoes.

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. The turnaround time for items is 12 days. Please plan in advance so that you have your items prior to the start of the school year. Items are available throughout the year for purchase. Any item on the site is deemed 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 some 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. 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.

*Ninth-grade students will wear school uniforms as designated above for grades K-8 throughout the first semester. Behavior and academic performance will be monitored during the first semester and a determination regarding dress code for ninth grade will be made for the remainder of the school year.

10th-12th Grades

Shirts:

- No spaghetti straps, or strapless shirts are to be worn
- Shirts should cover the chest from armpit to armpit and to the waist.
- **No crop tops or garments exposing mid-section allowed.**

Bottoms:

- Pants must be worn at the waist on top of the hips. 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.
- **Shorts must be fingertip length.**

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.
- No clothing or accessory with obscene language, pictures, or statements pertaining to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, or violence is permitted. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building (exceptions allowed for medical reasons).

Accessories:

- Students have the option of wearing dress shoes or tennis shoes to school every day. Appropriate shoes or a change of shoes 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 bandanas, sweatbands, combs, rakes, picks, bonnets, scarves, or rollers are not to be worn as clothing.**
- All outerwear such as coats, jackets, oversized shirts, wind shirts, 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.
- 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.

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