
SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

Dress Code for Students in Grades 9 through 12

At Covenant Christian Academy, we strive to set standards that promote excellence in academics, conduct and appearance. Our dress code is based on the principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness. We believe that physical appearance and self-image are closely related, and a dress code encourages good behavior. Appearance influences students' attitudes toward themselves, others, their school, and their responsibilities.

Introduction and General Information

Students are required to be in proper attire during school hours unless other attire has been approved. Students are required to arrive at school and to leave school in proper attire unless prior permission was obtained from the Dean of Students. Students not in proper attire will receive a written warning and may be removed from classes (or a school event) until they are able to meet the guidelines listed below. Parents may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothing to the School for their child. Multiple written warnings will lead to a detention and additional consequences if necessary.

Professional Dress is required on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Chapel Attire is required on Wednesdays for Chapel, and will be required from time to time for other special school events.

Spirit Attire may be worn on Fridays.

Professional Dress: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Girls

- A collared shirt or blouse (short or long sleeve), or dress cotton shirt should be worn. T-shirts, tank and racerback tank tops, spaghetti straps, and strapless tops are not permitted.
- Tops must cover undergarments completely (front and back), must not be too tight, must cover the midriff, and the neckline must not display cleavage.
- White or flesh colored undergarments must be worn under white, or light colored shirts.
- Dress sweaters or blazers may be worn over a Professional Dress top.
- Official CCA Spirit-wear jackets (no sweatshirts or hoodies) as well as fleece jackets (1/4 zip or full zip) may be worn over a Professional Dress top.
- Pants, jeans or shorts are to be clean and neat, trimmed and without tears or holes and are to be worn pulled up to the waist.
- Skirts must be no more than 4" above the knee when standing. Shorts must be no more than 5" above the knee when standing.
- Leggings may only be worn under a dress, shorts or skirt.
- Shoes: Casual shoes, sneakers, or comfortable dress shoes (heel height must be 2 inches or less) may be worn. Students may not wear open-toed sandals, beach sandals (flip flops), Crocs, work boots, moccasins, bedroom slippers or impractical styles.

Boys

- A collared shirt (short or long sleeve) should be worn. If a button up shirt is worn, the shirt needs to be buttoned up to the top 1-2 buttons. T-shirts and tank tops are not permitted.
- Dress sweaters and sport coats/blazers may be worn over a Professional Dress shirt.

- Official CCA Spirit-wear jackets (no sweatshirts or hoodies) as well as fleece jackets (1/4 zip or full zip) may be worn over a Professional Dress shirt.
- Pants, jeans or shorts are to be clean and neat, trimmed and without tears or holes and are to be worn pulled up to the waist.
- Shorts must be no more than 5" above the knee when standing.
- Shoes: Casual shoes, sneakers, or comfortable dress shoes may be worn. Students may not wear open-toed sandals, beach sandals (flip flops), Crocs, work boots, moccasins, bedroom slippers or impractical styles.

Chapel Attire: Wednesday and Special Events

Girls

- A dress, collared shirt or blouse (short or long sleeve) should be worn.
- Dresses or blouses with shoulder straps less than 2" wide should be worn with a dress sweater or blazer.
- A dress, skirt, or dress slacks should be worn.
- Skirts and dresses must be no more than 4" above the knee.
- Shoes should be leather dress shoes. Open-toed dress shoes are allowed with Chapel attire. Heel height must be 2 inches or less. Sneakers, flip flops or other casual footwear may not be worn.

Boys

- A collared shirt with a tie or bow tie should be worn.
- Shirts must be buttoned up and tucked in all day.
- Sport coats/blazers are optional, but at times may be required.
- Dress pants, khakis or slacks must be worn with a dress belt.
- Shoes should be leather dress shoes. Sneakers, flip flops or other casual footwear may not be worn.

Spirit Attire (optional): Friday

- Students in grades 9 through 12 may participate in Spirit Day Fridays by wearing any official CCA Spirit wear. Students that do not wish to participate in Spirit Attire on Fridays should default to the Professional Dress code.
- Students may wear T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. from a CCA sports team, club, class, musical group, theatre production, academic travel week, etc.
- Pants, jeans or shorts are to be clean and neat, trimmed and without tears or holes and are to be worn pulled up to the waist.
- No leisure, lounge, or exercise clothing (leggings, warm-ups, wind suits, etc.) are to be worn.
- Any CCA jacket or sweatshirt may be worn as outerwear, but the shirt underneath must meet the shirt requirements of Spirit Attire or Professional Dress.
- Shoes: Comfortable dress shoes, casual shoes, or sneakers may be worn. Students may not wear open-toed sandals, beach sandals (flip flops), Crocs, work boots, moccasins, bedroom slippers or impractical styles.

Additional Dress Code Guidelines

- **Face Masks** should be medical, dust, or fabric masks and should be solid colors or simple patterns without words and not be a distraction (i.e., realistic or cartoon faces, etc).
- **Non CCA coats and outerwear** are not to be worn during the academic day with the exception of fleece jackets (1/4 zip or full zip).
- **Spirit Wear** may NOT be worn over outfits on Chapel days.
- **Jean Style Pants** (defined as denim, stretch denim, back pockets sewn on the exterior of the pant, or rivets visible), black jeans, joggers, cargo pants and shorts do not meet the expectation of "dress pants or slacks" for chapel attire.
- **Gym shorts or sweatpants** are not considered part of Professional Dress.
- **Undershirts** should not have logos that are visible underneath Dress Code shirts.
- **Clothing should not contain visible large branding or art.** A small logo is permitted.
- **Hats and bandanas** may not be worn inside the school building.
- **Hair** should not be unnaturally colored, including streaks of color or unnaturally colored highlights.
- **Facial Hair** is to be well-trimmed and neat.
- **Body Embellishments** such as gauges and facial piercings (other than traditional ear piercings) are prohibited.

- **Inappropriate or offensive statements, signs, or symbols** are not permitted on any clothing, backpacks, notebooks or related items.
- **Bathing Suits:** At a CCA sponsored event where swimsuits are allowed, girls are required to wear one-piece bathing suits or tankini's and boys may not wear "Speedo style" bathing suits.

Prom and Dance Attire - Grade 9 - 12

- Dresses must not show cleavage, midriff, or have slits in the hem higher than 5" above the knee.
- Dresses must be no more than 5" above the knee if wearing a short dress.
- Boys must wear a suit or tuxedo.
- These guidelines also apply to the dates of CCA students. If there is a question as to the appropriateness of the dress, bring the dress in or email a picture to show your class sponsor. Don't risk being asked to leave a CCA dance.

Note to Parents

CCA appreciates parents partnering with us in the dress code. Students are expected to comply with the dress code and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home. While we are not interested in being the "clothes police," it is extremely important that we have consistency in our dress code to help contribute to a positive educational environment. Thank you for your help and cooperation.