

# Citadel Christian School Dress Code

Trends and fashions vary from one year to the next and significant advertising pressure is focused on young people to adopt the latest fad. Sometimes, even Christian young people can be caught up in styles that represent philosophies and lifestyles that are immodest.

Because we are more concerned about matters of the heart than outward appearance, we have chosen to require a specific dress code for all students enrolled at CCS. Our goal is to keep the focus on the child, not the clothing. The dress code is designed for these purposes:

- To train students to dress in a conservative, traditional, and modest fashion.
- To create a positive, disciplined environment in the school.
- To assist students in concentrating on academic achievement rather than on clothing competition.
- To eliminate immodest or inappropriate fashions.
- To help parents and students with financial stewardship.
- To create a positive image in the community.
- To provide an opportunity to show and teach respect for authority.

The cooperation of the student and parent is necessary in maintaining the standards of the dress code. A student's appearance is a family responsibility. Therefore, any actions taken by CCS to enforce the dress code will be primarily directed toward the parent, even though such action will impact the student himself.

**Dress Code Compliance:** *Dress code compliance is about attitude.* We believe that dress standards will be required throughout life. It is our goal to teach compliance and encourage cooperation because it simply is the right and appropriate course of behavior. Students who "fight" the system are learning habits which will have negative outcomes into adulthood. Therefore, dress code violations will be addressed as noted in the conduct system. The student needs to be in proper dress code before he/she exits the vehicle in the morning in order to be ready for the school day.

**Parental Example:** CCS requests that parents model modesty and appropriateness in dress while on campus and at school functions.

**French Toast Schoolbox:** To order chapel shirts and find other dress-code-compliant garments, go to <https://www.frenchtoastsschoolbox.com/shop-by-school> and enter the Citadel Christian School code: **QS5EGHQ** Please note that each student will need to order **at least one purple or white polo or oxford shirt with the school logo** embroidered for chapel from this store.

## GUIDELINES

- Shoes, backpacks, or lunch boxes may not display characters (i.e. Spiderman, Cinderella).
- Uniform items approved for CCS may be worn interchangeably Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Blue jeans (denim shorts or skirts) are permitted on Friday only, along with any CCS shirt or t-shirt with a distinctly Christian message.
- Hair:
  - must be styled in a socially acceptable manner with no extremes in cut, style, or color (i.e. blue, green, pink);
  - must be neat and not in face;
  - may not be more than 1 inch long when spiked;
  - (boy's) should not hang over the top of the eyebrows, ears, or the top of a collared shirt; neat, clean and well-groomed.
- Moderate make-up and artificial nails are allowed for girls in 7th grade and up.
- Jewelry: Girls may not wear more than 2 earrings per ear.
  - Earrings are not permitted for boys.
  - Body piercing, tattoos (including temporary), and gages are not permitted.
- Bizarre styles, fads, badges, pins, emblems, hairstyles, etc. which are calculated to call attention to the wearer are not permitted. Hats may not be worn inside buildings.
- Boys must be clean shaven. Boys will be asked to shave if they come to school with facial hair. Sideburns should be no longer than the bottom of the ear.
- Modesty is required at all times.

## GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES - GIRLS AND BOYS

- **Shirts:** Polo or oxford shirts in the following colors: royal purple, gray, black, and white. Shirts must be appropriately sized for the student and should be tucked in.
- **Pants:** Khaki, black, gray, or navy twill pants or walking shorts for boys or girls. Pants must be properly fitted. Skin-tight, form fitting, baggy, frayed, or ragged pants are not permitted.
- **Skirts/Dresses:** Jumpers, skorts, or skirts in khaki, gray, black, or navy. Must be no shorter than 5 inches from the floor in a kneeling position. Must be hemmed, not frayed. Polo dresses in purple, gray, black, navy and white that meet the length requirement are also acceptable.
- **Tights/leggings:** Only solid-colored, opaque purple, gray, navy blue, hunter-green, black, or white are permissible – no other colored tights are allowed. Leggings should be a neutral color with no lace.
- **Socks:** All socks are to be solid-colored purple, gray, navy, hunter-green, white, black, or khaki.
- **Shoes:** Shoes do not have to be a solid color as long as they are not distracting. Character shoes or shoes with distractions such as lights, wheels, or superhero

characters are not acceptable. Close-toed shoes are required for elementary students. No flip-flops or backless shoes are permitted at any time.

- **Sweaters:** Students may wear black, navy, gray, or white sweaters over their polo shirts.
- T-shirts worn under polo or oxford shirts should be a solid color with no writing.
- Hair bows, headbands, and barrettes are not required but may be worn.
- Jeans (Friday) must be regular denim jeans or long denim shorts. Baggy, distressed, frayed, ragged jeans, and jeans with designs, writing, stains, holes, or patches are not permitted.
- Friday shirts, windbreakers, hoodies and sweatshirts may be ordered through the school Parent Association.
- While in school, students may wear school-designated polos, sweaters, CCS windbreakers, CCS jackets, or CCS hoodies, but the hood is not to be worn during the day. Other sweaters and jackets that have no logos, characters, or lettering may be worn in the classroom as well. During cold weather, a heavy coat or jacket may be worn to and from school, or when moving from class to class, but not in the classroom. Coats may have a manufacturer's logo, but no additional lettering or character on it.
- Returning students are to be in correct uniform on the first day of school.
- New students must be in uniform within one week of acceptance.

**Gym Uniform:** (Required for students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

- Purple or gray t-shirt (long or short sleeve) with CCS logo
- Purple, black, or silver gym shorts – (modest in length, but no longer than knee length)
- White athletic socks
- Non-skid athletic shoes
- May wear gray sweat suit in winter

**Chapel Dress:** (May be worn any day of the week, but is required on chapel days.)

- Purple or white polo or oxford (short- or long-sleeved) with CCS logo.
- Khaki pants for boys. Khaki skirt for girls.
- Solid-colored belt in pants with belt loops.
- Dress socks with khaki pants.

**7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Boys (Regular Dress Code – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)**

- Polo or oxford shirt – purple, black, white, or gray, short or long-sleeved
- Navy, black, gray, or khaki twill slacks or walking shorts
- Belts must be navy, black, or brown standard belts.
- Dress shoes, boots, or athletic shoes -see General Uniform Guidelines
- Socks: solid-colored black, purple, khaki, white, or navy

### **Boys (Friday & Field Trip Dress Code)**

- Any CCS t-shirt, CCS sweatshirt, or CCS hoodie
- Solid blue or black regular denim jeans or long denim shorts. Baggy, frayed or ragged jeans, bell bottoms, and jeans with designs, writing, holes, or patches, are not permitted. May wear twill pants instead of jeans, if preferred.
- Belt
- Athletic shoes or boots (Pants may not be tucked into boots.)
- Socks: solid-colored black, purple, khaki, white, or navy

### **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls (Regular Dress Code – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)**

- Polo shirt – purple, black, white, or gray, short or long-sleeved, or
- Blouse – white oxford – long or short sleeved
- Pants or Capris – black, navy, gray, or khaki twill
- Walking shorts/Culottes - black, navy, gray or khaki (no shorter than 5” from floor, kneeling)
- Skirt – black, navy, gray, or khaki (no shorter than 5” from floor in kneeling position)
- Belts must be navy, black, or brown standard belts.
- Shoes – See general guidelines. In warm weather, sandals with back straps are allowed.

### **Girls (Friday & Field Trip Dress Code)**

- Any CCS t-shirt, CCS sweatshirt, or CCS hoodie
- Solid black or blue denim jeans or long denim shorts or capris (not too tight). No other t-shirt, slacks or shorts are permitted. Baggy, frayed or ragged jeans, bell bottoms, and jeans with designs, writing, holes, or patches, are not permitted. May wear twill pants or skirt if preferred.
- Belts must be navy, black, or brown standard belts.
- Athletic shoes or boots (Pants may not be tucked into boots.)
- Socks: solid-colored black, purple, khaki, white, or navy

Teachers reserve the right to determine the appropriate dress code standard for field trips. Chapel attire may be more appropriate than Friday Dress Code for some field trips.