



DRESS CODE AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

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Reasons for a Standardized Dress Code

- Standardized dress builds a sense of community. It reduces fashion consciousness, promotes modesty, saves families money, and decreases conflicts over wardrobe choices.
- Standardized dress allows teachers and staff to use their time well instead of judging the appropriateness of students' dress.
- Standardized dress promotes safety on campus and on field trips because students are easily identifiable.
- Standardized dress presents a neat appearance and helps create a positive impression within the community.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

GIRLS / YOUNG LADIES		BOYS / YOUNG MEN	
Tops	Must be purchased from CLA website link to Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger and must have CLA logo	Tops	Must be purchased from CLA website link to Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger and must have CLA logo
	Polos must be loose fitting, appropriate in length, and must be tucked in at all times. Approved colors: black, white, gray heather, purple.		Polos must be loose fitting, appropriate in length, and must be tucked in at all times. Approved colors: black, white, gray heather, purple.
	Short or long-sleeved undershirts may be worn under polos and need to be tucked in. They may not hang below the polo shirt. Approved colors: black, gray, white		Short or long-sleeved undershirts may be worn under polos and need to be tucked in. They may not hang below the polo shirt. Approved colors: black, gray, white
	All sweaters, fleeces, and hoodies must be purchased from the CLA website link to Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger and must have a CLA logo. *Hoodies are no longer available for purchase from the Land's End website, but may still be worn for the 25-26 school year.		All sweaters, fleeces, and hoodies must be purchased from the CLA website link to Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger and must have a CLA logo. *Hoodies are no longer available for purchase from the Land's End website, but may still be worn for the 25-26 school year.
	All tops must be free from stains, holes, or rips.		All tops must be free from stains, holes, or rips.
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Skorts & Jumpers	Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger Approved colors: black, khaki, gray, purple plaid	Pants	or just above the knee, and not show undergarments. Please reference the Land's End website to view appropriate styles and fabrics. Approved colors: khaki, black.
	Skirts, skorts, and jumpers from other vendors are NOT permitted.		All pants and shorts must have slit pockets in the back. No large pockets on the back
	All skirts, skorts or jumpers must fit below, at or just above the knee.		Jeans, cargo, corduroy, legging material or jogger style shorts and pants are NOT permitted.
	Modesty shorts, tights or leggings must be worn under all jumpers and skirts- These items should be plain (no printed patterns). Approved colors: white, gray, black, purple		All students in levels 3-12 must wear pants and shorts that have belt loops. *2026-2027 school year all shorts/pants must be purchased from CLA website link to Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger
Shorts & Pants	Uniform-style pants and shorts- must be at or just above the knee, and not show undergarments. Please reference the Land's End website to view appropriate styles and fabrics. Approved colors: khaki, black.	Belts	All students in Levels 3-12 must wear a belt with all pants and shorts. Approved colors: gray, black, brown
	All pants and shorts must have slit pockets in the back. No large pockets on the back	Socks	K-6 students: Socks should not contain a logo larger than a dime, or any type of design. Approved colors: black, gray, white, khaki
	Jeans, cargo, corduroy, legging material or jogger style shorts and pants are NOT permitted.		7-12 level students have the privilege of wearing any type of school appropriate sock.
	All students in levels 3-12 must wear pants and shorts that have belt loops. *2026-2027 school year all shorts/pants must be purchased from CLA website link to Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger	Shoes	Closed-toed shoes of any color may be worn.
Belts	All students in Levels 3-12 must wear a belt with all pants and shorts. Approved colors: gray, black, brown		7-12 level students may wear open back shoes but they must have a lip or a strap.
			We strongly advise tennis shoes for all students in K-6th. *Students wearing heels or other styles of shoes that may damage the gym floor will not be allowed to participate in PE.
Socks	K-6 students: Socks should not contain a logo larger than a dime, or any type of design. Approved colors: black, gray, white, khaki		Flip flops, Crocs, slides, and sandals are not permitted.
	7-12 level students have the privilege of wearing any type of school appropriate sock.	Outerwear	Outside coats may be of your choosing, but may not be worn in class at any time.
Shoes	Closed-toed shoes of any color may be worn.	Sports, Clubs, Clinics	Practice shorts must be purchased from Land's End CLA Spiritwear website and fit loosely.
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			NOT permitted.
	We strongly advise tennis shoes for all students in K-6th. *Students wearing heels or other styles of shoes that may damage the gym floor will not be allowed to participate in PE.		T-shirts must be school appropriate and loose fitting.
	Flip flops, Crocs, slides, and sandals are not permitted.		No tank top shirts may be worn during practices.
Outerwear	Outside coats may be of your choosing, but may not be worn in class at any time.	Rhetoric PE	Bottoms: CLA approved sports shorts or uniform shorts must be worn.
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	T-shirts must be school appropriate and loose fitting. Undergarments must not be seen.		Shoes: Athletic shoes must be worn
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Headgear

- Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn at school.
- Headbands must not have costume elements like ears and horns

Hair

- CLA expects students to have a hairstyle that is neat and well groomed.
- No unnatural hair colors are permitted.
- All students' hair styles must not be extreme or a distraction in the classroom environment, for example a mohawk.
- Boys are expected to keep their hair in a moderate length and style. Hair is to be out of the eyes and off the collar. Boys may wear a headband or hair tie to secure their hair to meet hair guidelines.
- Girls' style is not to obstruct vision or hinder participation in the learning process.
- Hair accessory items should match/compliment uniforms and not be distracting.

Jewelry

- Girls can wear earrings not larger than a nickel. No other visible body piercings are permissible.
- Boys are permitted to wear one ear stud. No other piercings will be allowed.
- Conservative jewelry is permitted.

Dress Code Enforcement

For students in levels K-6 a notice will be sent to parents for a *first or second* dress code violation. For a *third* violation, parents will bring appropriate clothing to campus for the student to change into in order for the student to remain at school for the remainder of that campus school day. Upon the *fourth* violation, parents will be asked to come in for a conversation with the administration.

Students in levels 7-12 violating a dress code policy will be required to call their parents to bring appropriate clothing to campus for the student to change into in order for the student to remain at school for the remainder of that campus school day. Upon consistent violations, parents will be asked to come in for a conversation with the administration.