

# Central Lutheran School Standardized Dress Code

Central Lutheran School believes that a student standardized dress code reflects the mission of being a Caring, Loving, Sharing family of Christians dedicated to a Christ-centered education, cultivating lifelong learning for joyful service to the church, community, and the world.

The standardized dress code will reflect our mission by:

- Promoting a sense of unity and belonging within a student body that reflects the unity we have in Jesus Christ;
- Defining and providing guidance for modest and non-distracting student appearance within the school;
- Reducing clothing-related conflict and stress within the homes of our students, at school and among peers;
- Promoting a positive image to our congregations, to the community and to potential students and their parents;
- Emphasizing that school is a place of work and people dress differently for work than they do for other aspects of life;
- Allowing students and parents to work together to make good decisions regarding student dress;
- Promoting a school climate and atmosphere conducive to the educational process;
- Enhancing discipline, concentration, and school spirit;
- Reducing peer pressure; and
- Increasing student safety.

## **Dress Guidelines**

- Dress bottoms must be solid-colored khaki, navy, or black.
- Bottoms must be classic, uniform-style without patch or cargo-type pockets. Bottoms made of denim, fleece, velour, stretch, or athletic/warm-up type materials are not allowed. Tight pants may not be worn. Shorts of a classic, uniform-style, may be worn April 1 through November 1 and must fall at or below the fingertips when arm is hanging naturally at the side.
- Girls' skirts, skorts, and jumpers are permitted and must fall at or below the fingertips when the arm is hanging naturally at the side. Solid colored tights or leggings may be worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers.
- Belts are not required, but bottoms must be around the waist. Tops must also be sufficiently long to ensure that skin is not exposed. No undergarments may be visible.
- Solid-colored, polo shirts (5 button maximum), solid-colored oxford/dress shirt, or white Peter Pan collared shirts (long or short-sleeved) are permitted. Only solid-colored undershirts may be worn underneath the shirt. No logos, stripes, shadow-striping, or designs are allowed on shirts with the exception of CLS Spirit Wear\* polos or CLS sweatshirts/fleeces.
- One green polo shirt with a CLS logo, purchased through a CLS-approved vendor will be required for special events, field trips, concerts and athletic events or as designated.
- Students may wear a CLS athletic team warm-up shirt on game days.
- Solid-colored cardigans or sweater vests with no logos, stripes, or designs are allowed as long as they are worn with a solid-colored polo. The solid-colored polo must be worn underneath the sweater.
- Central Chargers or school logo sweatshirts may be worn over a solid-colored polo shirt.
- No holes, rips, or tears are allowed in any garment.
- Shoes:

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- Grades K-1: Only tennis shoes (without wheels or lights)
- Grades 2-8: Tennis shoes (without wheels or lights) or dress shoes. Sandals with backs may be worn from April 1 through November 1.

## **Other Dress Code Restrictions**

- Hair must be clean, neat, and natural-colored.
- No hats or head coverings may be worn in the building.
- Tattoos, piercings (other than the earlobes for girls), and extremes of cosmetics are prohibited.

## **Dress Down Days**

- Dress down days may be permitted at the discretion of the Principal as fundraising opportunities to support school programs and other charitable organizations.
- Students may wear jeans, with no holes, rips or tears. Tight pants may not be worn.
- Shirts must have sleeves and be waist length or longer with no slogans or inappropriate images.
- Overall appearance must be in accordance with the normal dress code.

## **Charger Spirit Days**

Charger Spirit Days will normally take place on the third Friday of the month. On designated Charger Spirit Days students may wear t-shirts from any CLS-sponsored activity, CLS association church-sponsored activities (such as VBS), or Concordia Lutheran High School. Normal standardized dress bottoms must be worn on Charger Spirit Days.

## **Dress Code Enforcement**

- School administration and classroom teachers have the right to make any judgments necessary to assure compliance with the stated dress code.
- School administration reserves the right to reject any article or accessory worn to school by the students if the article is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to the dress code standard. When students wear clothing that does not comply with the established dress code, school administration reserves the right to remove the student from class. A parent may be called to bring appropriate clothing to school before they will be allowed back in the classroom.
  - First and Second Offense - Student will receive a dress code violation form that must be signed by a parent and returned.
  - Third Offense or More – Student will receive a Behavioral Report Form (BRF) that must be signed by a parent and returned. The BRF will result in a detention.

\* CLS Spirit Wear is available through a CLS-approved vendor and includes polos, crew-neck sweatshirts, and zip-front fleeces. Students are permitted to wear these items throughout the school year as part of the Standardized Dress Code.