

Dress Code:

The School Board has determined by vote that there will be a uniform based dress code at C. S. Lewis Academy (CSLA). CSLA has adopted a policy of uniform dress with which all students are expected to comply. CSLA's school uniform and dress standards play an important role in the educational mission of the school by: Helping create an atmosphere conducive to serious academic study, minimizing the distractions and disruptions, and aiding members of the school community.

Section One: General Provision

The student dress code at CSLA is mandatory. Dress and grooming standards are part of the dress code regulations.

- 1. Dress Code.** Dress Code items must be worn during school hours, except under special circumstances, such as Dress of Choice Days and other special occasions as announced in the school newsletter. Dress Code items must also be worn for all before and after school programs, as well as all tutoring and enrichment sessions, except on occasions when costumes may be required for dress rehearsals or performances. Gym clothes may be used for athletic activities and physical education.
- 2. Appearance.** Students must present a modest, clean, and neat appearance at all times, including Dress of Choice Days. All clothing must be clean, appropriately sized, not be excessively worn or have holes. Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist; shirts must be buttoned to within one button from the top. Shoes must be tied or fastened, clothing must be worn right-side-out, and appropriate underwear must be worn but not seen.
- 3. Shoes.** Students may wear any closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes, sandal or boot. Shoes, boots, and sandals should be conservative in style. Heels or soles may not be higher than one (1") inch. Flip-flops, shoes with wheels, characters and lights, as well as slippers are prohibited including dress of choice days.
- 4. Socks.** Socks for boys and girls must be matching, and non-distracting. Socks, tights and leggings should be solid white or navy blue. Socks may be ankle or knee length or anything in between. Socks or tights must always be worn.
- 5. Undergarments.** Proper underclothing should be worn at all times. No underwear should be visible at any time. A plain white shirt/undershirt (no lace), may be worn under any dress code top (if desired). Private parts of the body should NOT be visible at any time, including the midriff. Girls may wear solid matching cotton or spandex shorts or tights under skirts, jumpers, and pants.
- 6. Jewelry.** Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and should be conservative in style so as to not distract from the learning environment. Girls may wear one pair of small, non-dangling earrings. Boys may not wear earrings. Pierced jewelry in other body parts must not be visible. Other jewelry may include a watch, medical alert jewelry, and up to three other non-distracting items.
- 7. Hair/Hats.** Hair must be kept neat and have a combed appearance and appropriate for school. Bangs for boys should not extend below the eyebrows; boys' hair should not extend below the bottom of the collar. Unnatural hair colors or outlandish hair styles are inappropriate. Girls may wear hair accessories that are appropriate for school and non-distracting. Hats/hoods may not be worn inside the school unless for religious or medical reasons, or for required costuming during school-sponsored activities.
- 8. Cosmetics/Tattoos.** No make-up of any kind is allowed (unless so required for a play or other school-sponsored activity). Starting in 6th grade, girls may use cosmetics/make-up

that is natural and conservative in nature and appropriate for school, and should not draw attention to itself or its wearer. No permanent or temporary tattoos allowed.

- 9. Outerwear.** Outer wear that is worn for warmth to and from school and at outside recess is not considered a uniform item (e.g. snow pants, coats, snow bibs, ear muffs, scarves, gloves, etc.). Any solid colored sweater or jacket worn inside the classroom must be consistent with the dress code.
- 10. Logos.** Board approved merchandise with the approved “school logos” are the only acceptable type of logo. No clothing items will have logos, graphics, stripes, or symbols of any sort. Also, no skulls, gang symbols, inappropriate graphics, or phrases are allowed on non-clothing items (i.e. backpacks, lunch bags, and coats)
- 11. Dress of Choice Days.** Dress of choice days will be announced at the discretion of the School Administrator. Students must refrain from the following:
 - a. Halter tops, tank tops and spaghetti straps may not be worn unless another shirt is worn under or over it.
 - b. Midriff shirts are never acceptable.
 - c. Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts should fit properly and be worn at the waist.
 - d. Underwear must never be visible.
 - e. Skirts and shorts must be no shorter than 2” above the knee.
 - f. For safety reasons, flip-flops, and slippers may not be worn and sandals must have a heel strap and may not be opened toed. Shoes may not have heels and/or platforms higher than 1”.
 - g. Students may not wear mutilated, torn or cut off clothing on the top or bottom.
 - h. Students may not wear clothing which bears the likeness of tobacco, alcohol or drugs.
 - i. Students may not wear clothing which bears vulgar, crude or offensive language, logos or graphics.
 - j. Gang related clothing, colors and paraphernalia will not be allowed on school grounds.
 - k. Clothes should be well maintained- no holes, rips or stains.
- 12. General.** Dress items not specifically covered above but considered inappropriate or contrary to the purpose statement in the Dress Code Policy are subject to review and interpretation by the Director.

Section Two: Approved Dress Code Policy Summary:

The items listed below constitute the Dress Code at CSLA. Examples of the dress items can be seen at several websites listed below.

Tops:

- Tops must be solid-colored white, navy blue, light yellow, light blue, or charcoal gray shirts (no unapproved logos).
- Tops must have a collar with either long or short sleeves.
- Long-sleeved solid white or navy blue turtleneck shirts may be worn under an approved collared top.
- Long-sleeved solid white or navy blue undershirts may be worn under an approved collared top.
- Long-sleeved solid white or navy blue sweatshirts may be worn over an approved collared top.
- Sweaters, cardigans (round or v-neck), sweater vests or jackets must be solid khaki, navy or white, and be worn over a collared top.

Bottoms:

- Bottoms must not have cargo pockets, decorative jewelry/stones or embroidery, etc.
- Stitching on bottoms must be the same in color as bottom material.
- Students may not wear the same color top and bottom (i.e. not navy shirt with navy pants)
- Boys must wear solid-colored navy or khaki pants or shorts, either with a pleated or plain front, but NOT cargo pants, denim, nylon, sweats, leather, or vinyl.
- Girls must wear navy, or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris, either with pleated or plain front, but NOT cargo pants, denim, nylon, sweats, leather or vinyl.
- Bottoms must be no shorter than 2" above the knee when standing.
- Girls may wear navy or white leggings under skirts, jumpers and dresses. Leggings must be capri or ankle length.
- Belts are optional, but must be basic, neutral and non-distracting with a simple buckle.

Shoes and Socks:

- No flip flops, slippers or shoes with characters, lights, or wheels may be worn at any time, including Dress of Choice Days.
- Students may wear any closed-toed and closed-heeled shoe, sandal, or boot.
- Socks and tights should be solid white, or navy blue.

Hair and Accessories:

- Girls may wear hair accessories that are appropriate for school, and non-distracting.
- Hair must be kept neat, have a combed appearance, and be natural in color.
- Hair length for boys must not exceed the bottom of the collar and bangs must not extend below the eyebrows.
- Jewelry may include up to three items. Girls may wear one pair of small, non-dangling earrings. Boys may not wear earrings. Pierced jewelry in other body parts must not be visible.

Dress Code Violations

Any student not adhering to the dress code policy will receive a violation from teachers or staff. In the event a violation is issued, the student will call home to have a parent/guardian bring them clothing that adheres to the dress code policy. If the violations become a persistent problem, a meeting between the parents and the Director will take place and a plan of action will be created.