

The Columbus Academy Dress Code 2009-10

The Columbus Academy believes in a dress code so as to suggest a certain level of formality during the school day. The dress code attempts to balance comfort and individuality with consideration for community expectations. The table below outlines the dress code requirements, noting the different expectations for each of the three divisions. Because it is impossible for a set of defined expectations to cover all the vagaries about student choices and fashions, the determination about whether a student's attire complies with both the letter and the spirit of the dress code will belong to the faculty and administration.

Attire	Lower School	Middle School	Upper School
<p><u>Polo Shirts</u> Solid color polo style shirts with collar, buttoned placket, short or full length sleeves (no cap sleeves), and free of any non-Columbus Academy lettering or logos. Shirts must remain tucked.</p>	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon, or gray	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon, or gray	Any solid color
<p><u>Shirts and Blouses</u> Solid color oxford button down shirts or Peter Pan collared blouses free of any non-Columbus Academy lettering or logos. Shirts must remain tucked.</p>	White, light blue, or light pink	White, light blue, or light pink Undershirts must be white or gray. Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts	Any solid color Undershirts must be white or gray. Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts
<p><u>Pants</u> Solid color cotton, cotton-blend, or finewale corduroy pants (pleated or plain front) that are hemmed and have belt loops.</p>	Khaki, stone, or navy blue	Khaki, stone, or navy blue Pockets must be void of exterior stitching and zippers. No patch pockets	Khaki, stone, or navy blue Pockets must be void of exterior stitching and zippers. No patch pockets
<p><u>Shorts</u> Solid color cotton or cotton-blend, knee-length shorts</p>	Khaki, stone, or navy blue May be worn in August, September, May, and June Parent discretion is advisable for unusually warm weather in October and April	Khaki, stone, or navy blue May be worn before October 15 and after April 15 or at the discretion of the Division Head	Khaki, stone, or navy blue May be worn before October 15 and after April 15 or at the discretion of the Division Head
<p><u>Skirts</u> Solid color knee-length skirts</p>	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray Skorts only...NO SKIRTS	Khaki, stone, or navy blue Pleated or A-line	Khaki, stone, or navy blue Pleated, A-line, or straight
<p><u>Jumpers</u> One piece, solid color, knee-length, pleated jumpers worn with a dress code shirt or blouse</p>	Khaki, navy blue, gray, or Academy plaid	Khaki, navy blue, or gray	N/A
<p><u>Sweaters</u> Solid color v-neck, crew neck, cardigan, or vest sweaters, free of hoods, zippers, and non-Columbus Academy lettering and logos</p>	Navy blue, maroon, or gray	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon, gray, or black	Any solid color Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved sweaters

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<p><u>Sweatshirts/Fleece</u> Solid color polar full or half-zippered fleece free of hoods, and shoulder, breast, or elbow patches.</p>	Fleece is not permitted, except as an outdoor jacket	Navy blue, maroon, gray, or black. Free of non-Columbus Academy lettering and logos No sweatshirts	Any solid color Free of non-Columbus Academy lettering and logos No sweatshirts
<p><u>Turtlenecks</u> Solid color must not be ribbed, mock, or decorative</p>	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, or gray	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, or gray	Any solid color
<p><u>Shoes</u> Solid color black, brown, or tan shoes, must cover the entire foot, remaining below the malleolus of the ankle. With the exception of PE, no athletic "style" shoes may be worn during the academic day.</p>	Sole/heel must not exceed 1 ½ inches in height No boot style, Doc Martens, or decorative laces Mary Janes are permitted.	Sole/heel must not exceed 1 ½ inches in height Shoes must be free of any ornamentation. Mary Janes are permitted. No crocs	Sole/heel must not exceed 1 ½ inches in height
<p><u>Socks/Tights</u> Solid color socks must be worn and visible. Hose are not permitted, although girls may wear tights of the same colors permitted for socks.</p>	White, navy blue, light pink (girls only), maroon, gray, or khaki Boys: Ankle socks only Girls: Ankle or knee socks	White, navy blue, gray, black, brown, or tan	White, navy blue, gray, black, brown, or tan
<p><u>Belts</u> Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts.</p>	Khaki or navy blue fabric, black or brown leather Not required for Pre-K or K	Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts.	Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts.
<p><u>Jewelry and Accessories</u></p>	<p>Boys and Girls: May wear a watch and one necklace that does not detract from the dress code and must be worn under the shirt. No chokers.</p> <p>Girls: May wear small silver or gold stud earrings. Ribbons must be white, light blue, navy blue, light pink, gray, or Academy plaid. Barrettes, ponytail bands and headbands are to be simple and small, silver, gold, or Academy colors. Nail polish is not permitted.</p>	<p>Boys and Girls: May wear a watch and one necklace that does not detract from the dress code and must be worn under the shirt. No chokers. Students are not permitted to have extreme or unnatural hair color or to have visible tattoos or body piercings.</p> <p>Boys: Are not permitted to wear earrings during the academic day or when publicly representing the school</p> <p>Girls: May wear small stud earrings. Ribbons, ponytail bands, barrettes, and headbands should not detract from the dress code. Nail polish and make-up may not be worn.</p>	<p>Boys and Girls: Are not permitted to have extreme or unnatural hair color or to have visible tattoos or body piercings</p> <p>Boys: Are expected to be clean shaven and are not permitted to wear earrings during the academic day or when publicly representing the school</p> <p>Girls: Are permitted to wear earrings</p>