Dress Code 2026-27

Attire	Lower School	Middle School	Upper School
Polo Shirts/Turtlenecks Solid color polo style shirts with collar, buttoned placket, short or full-length sleeves (no cap sleeves), and free of any **non-CA** lettering or logos.	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon or gray Shirts must remain tucked	Any solid color May be worn tucked or untucked	Any solid color May be worn tucked or untucked
Blouses/Shirts Solid color oxford button down shirts or Peter Pan collared blouses free of any **non-CA** lettering or logos.	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon or gray Shirts must remain tucked	Any solid color Undershirts: any solid color, free of design Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts	Any solid color Undershirts: any solid color, free of design Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts
Pants Solid color cotton, cotton-blend or corduroy pants that are hemmed and have belt loops. Straight leg or boot cut only. No “skinny” or cargo-style pants.	Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray No patch pockets	Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray No jogger-style pants	Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray No jogger-style pants
Shorts Solid color cotton or cotton-blend, knee-length shorts. No cargo-style shorts.	Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray May be worn before Thanksgiving and after spring break	Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray *Must be at least to the fingertips or below (with relaxed shoulders)* May be worn before Thanksgiving and after spring break	Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray *Must be at least three inches below fingertips (with relaxed shoulders)* May be worn all year
Skirts Skirts should be solid color. ****See Dress Code Style Guide****	**Skorts only… NO SKIRTS** Khaki, stone, navy blue, black or gray… no plaid No knit fabric	**Box-pleat or 2 pleat kick-pleat skirt/skort only** Khaki, stone, navy blue or black… **NO GRAY SKIRTS** *Must be at least to the fingertips or below (with relaxed shoulders)* and shorts must be worn under skirts Tights/leggings must be worn under skirts from Thanksgiving to spring break	**Box-pleat or 2 pleat kick-pleat skirt only** Khaki, stone, navy blue or black… **NO GRAY SKIRTS** *Must be at least three inches below fingertips (with relaxed shoulders)* and shorts or leggings must be worn under skirts .
Jumpers One piece, solid color, knee-length, pleated jumpers worn with a dress code shirt or blouse. **Shorts must be worn under jumpers**.	Khaki, navy blue, gray or Academy plaid Tights/leggings may be worn under jumpers Thanksgiving to spring break	N/A	N/A
Sweaters Cardigans with buttons or a zipper or sweater vests: solid color crew neck or v-neck. **Must be free of hoods, and non-CA lettering and logos.** ****See Dress Code Style Guide****	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon or gray	Any solid color (waist to hip length)... no hoods Long-sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved sweaters	Any solid color (waist to hip length)... no hoods Long-sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved sweaters

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Fleece Solid color full or half-zippered fleece free of hoods and shoulder, breast or elbow patches.	White, light blue, navy blue, light pink, maroon or gray… **half-zip only** and must be free of **non-CA** lettering and logos	Any solid color… must be free of **non-CA** lettering and logos	Any solid color… must be free of **non-CA** lettering and logos
CA Sweatshirts Crew-neck and v-neck CA sweatshirts are permitted. **Must be free of hoods.**	Crew-neck and v-neck CA sweatshirts are permitted… **must be free of hoods**	Crew-neck and v-neck CA sweatshirts are permitted… **must be free of hoods**	Crew-neck and v-neck CA sweatshirts are permitted… **must be free of hoods**
Shoes Shoes must be worn. **See descriptions for each division for details.**	Athletic shoes or dress shoes No slippers, Crocs or Ugg-style shoes… all styles of boots are for outdoor use only No light-up shoes	Any closed-toe, weather-appropriate shoe… no slippers, Crocs, sandal or knee-high boot style shoes Sole/heel must not exceed 1.5 inches	Any closed-toe, weather-appropriate shoe… no slippers, Crocs, sandal or knee-high boot style shoes Sole/heel must not exceed 1.5 inches
Socks/Tights/Leggings Socks/tights/leggings must be worn and visible at all times. Leggings must be free of lace and/or adornments.	Solid color white, navy blue, light pink, maroon, gray or khaki Ankle, crew or knee socks only… must be free of lettering and logos	Socks: matching, any solid color Tights/Leggings: white, navy blue, maroon, gray, black or brown	Socks: matching, any solid color Tights/Leggings: white, navy blue, maroon, gray, black or brown
Belts	Belts must be worn with all pants, shorts and skirts with belt loops… **belts are not required for PreK or Kindergarten**	If shirts are tucked in, belts must be worn with pants and shorts	If shirts are tucked in, belts must be worn with pants and shorts
Jewelry and Accessories Accessories should not detract from the dress code.	No hats indoors Students may wear a simple watch and one necklace worn under the shirt… no chokers **No smartwatches** **Ear Piercings:** small gold/silver studs Students are not permitted to have extreme or unnatural hair color/style **Hair Accessories: *simple*** silver/gold or Academy colors… no feathers, flowers, etc.; ribbons must be white, light/navy blue, light pink, maroon, gray or Academy plaid **Nail polish is not permitted**	No hats indoors Students may wear a watch and one necklace worn under the shirt **No smartwatches** Students are not permitted to have visible tattoos or body piercings or to have extreme or unnatural hair color/style Hair must not cover eyes Students are expected to be clean-shaven Makeup should not be extreme or distracting	No hats indoors Students are not permitted to have visible tattoos or body piercings or to have extreme or unnatural hair color/style Hair must not cover eyes Students are expected to be clean-shaven Makeup should not be extreme or distracting

Dress Code Style Guide and Additional Notes

Crewneck/V-neck Cardigan w/ Zipper or Buttons



Kick-Pleat Skirt



Crewneck/V-neck Cardigan



Half-Zip/Button Cardigan



1. **Sweaters and fleece must be worn over dress code shirts or turtlenecks. (US/MS)**
2. **No coats or jackets may be worn in the theatre. (US)**
3. **Columbus Academy "letter jacket" may be worn in lieu of a sweater or fleece. (US)**
4. **Outdoor jackets, scarves and CA windbreakers may not be worn during the school day. (US)**
5. **For the purposes of the dress code, the term "school day" means from the time students arrive at school until 3:20 p.m.**
6. **MS Students must wear polos or button-down shirts. PE spirit wear is no longer permitted.**
7. **Formal dress is reserved for special occasions. Polos and button down shirts are for everyday wear (not suit jackets, dress shoes or ties, etc.).**

V-neck Sweater Vest

