CSA Specific Dress Code/Uniform Policy

Elementary

Educators have long recognized the relationship between dress, grooming, and the learning environment within the school. Uniform policies make a statement about the standards and expectations of the school. The intent of the dress code/uniform policy at Charyl Stockwell Academy is to promote optimum learning opportunities throughout the school day and to help ensure a safe environment for all. Our School Board empowers the administration to make decisions and interpretations concerning the dress code/uniform policy and enforcement thereof.

Purchasing School Uniforms

Uniforms are available for purchase online from Schoolbelles at https://www.schoolbelles.com. Our school code for CSA Elementary is: s2421. All of the items on the website meet our uniform guidelines and can be purchased from the comfort of your home and shipped directly to you.

Elementary School uniform items are also available at Lands' End; uniform items must be listed under CSA's uniform link, which includes only items that are in alignment with the CSA general uniform Dress Code. The online code for CSA Elementary is: csa-900031212.

Elementary Uniform Policy (Kindergarten, Navigator, Voyager, and Explorer Students)

*All clothes should be neat, clean, and have no visible holes, patches, or frayed edges.

*To achieve uniform consistency, CSA District recommends uniform purchases at Schoolbelles and Lands' End. Students need to arrive at school in uniform and depart in uniform.

Shirts:

Shirts will be the following solid colors: white, light blue, or red. Shirts must be tucked into pants at all times. Only solid white short-sleeve undershirts can be worn under uniform shirts. Types of shirts acceptable are from Schoolbelles or Lands' End:

- *Polos (must have a CSA logo on the upper left side)
- *Oxfords, long or short sleeve (only available in white or light blue)
- *Turtlenecks
- *Peter-pan blouse (only available in white or light blue)

Sweaters/Quarter-zip Pullover/Full-zip

All sweaters, quarter-zips, or full-zips must be neat and appropriately sized. They may have the CSA logo on the upper left side and will be long-sleeve and navy.

- Crew or V-neck sweaters
- Cardigan sweaters
- Quarter-zip pullovers
- Full-zip track jacket

Vests

Vests are intended to go over their uniform shirts. All vests must be neat and appropriately sized. They may have the CSA logo on the upper left side and will be solid navy.

• V-neck sweater vest or fleece vest

CSA Crewneck Sweatshirt

Red crewneck sweatshirts with a CSA logo are available for purchase at the Admissions Office. This is the only uniform sweatshirt option.

<u>Pants</u>: Classic-style navy pants that are neat and appropriately sized must be worn. Pants must fit at the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed. No undergarments of any kind should be visible. No cargo, zipper, or cell phone pockets. Types acceptable are from Schoolbelles, Lands' End, and the Dickies flat front, pleated front, or flex waist pant, Dickies girls flare pant, and Dickies girls capri pant.

Belts: A solid black or brown belt must be worn at all times if belt loops are present (except for Kindergarten students). Belts must contain a belt buckle that is gold or silver. Designs or decorations on the belt or belt buckle are not allowed.

<u>Shorts</u>: Students may wear classic style Navy shorts. The shorts should come no more than three inches above the knee. No undergarments of any kind should be visible. Shorts must fit at the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed. No cargo, zippered, or cell phone pockets. Types acceptable are from Schoolbelles, Lands' End, and the Dickies Classic-style shorts.

<u>Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers</u>: Skirts, skorts, and jumpers are navy in color and need to be neat and appropriately sized. They must come no more than three inches above the knee. If belt loops are present, a belt must be worn. All jumpers require a uniform shirt under them. Types acceptable are from Schoolbelles, Lands' End, and the Dickies girl A-line skirt, pleated jumper, or skort.

<u>Blazers</u>: Students may choose to wear a classic style, solid navy blazer. The blazer must be neat and fit appropriately. Types acceptable are from Schoolbelles and Lands' End.

<u>Shoes</u>: Students may wear dress shoes or tennis shoes that meet the following descriptions only. <u>Dress shoes</u>: allowed in the following solid colors only: black, brown, or navy. They can be slip-on, tied, buckle, or Velcro, but must cover the heel and toe. Shoes may have up to a 1 ½ inch heel. <u>Tennis shoes</u> must be solid in color and are allowed in the following colors only: black, white, navy, and gray. Tennis shoes may have a modest logo, but the logo needs to be small and one of the colors listed. Shoe laces must match the main color of the shoes.

<u>Socks/Tights</u>: Socks or tights must be worn with shoes. They must be solid white or solid navy (no designs or patterns). Socks need to be crew or knee-high. Leggings or footless tights are not permitted.

Uniform Guidelines for All Students

Gym Shoes

All elementary students are required to have a pair of "non-marking" gym shoes, which will remain in the student's locker for the duration of the school year. Gym shoes must <u>not</u> have been previously worn outside. Light colored soles are preferred. Shoe laces must match the main color of the shoe.

Clothing and Accessories

All clothes should be neat, clean, and have no visible holes, patches, or frayed edges. The general expectation is that all clothing and accessories are school and age-appropriate. The following is a list of clarifications as well as items of clothing and accessories that are **not** permissible during the school day:

- Short-sleeved plain white t-shirts may be worn as an undergarment, but must not be visible at the sleeve or have any writing or graphics.
- Students may not wear or bring to school any items that contain violent or non-school-appropriate pictures. Examples include but are not limited to: backpacks, coats, folders, etc.
- No rolling backpacks are permitted.
- Uniform shirts must remain buttoned up to an appropriate level.
- Navy is not a uniform shirt color option, only a sweater/vest color option.
- When wearing a navy sweater or vest, it is expected that a uniform shirt will be under it.

- Navy dresses are not allowed, only jumpers.
- Jumpers and skirts must be worn with navy or white socks or tights; leggings or footless tights are not permitted.
- There is no layering of shirt over shirt. (This applies to layering of uniform tops as well.)
- Hats, hoods, scarves, and bandanas are not to be worn in the building (unless it is for religious reasons and approved by the administration or expressly allowed for a special event or Spirit Day). Please note that all acceptable solid navy sweaters listed at Schoolbelles and Lands' End do not have a hood.
- Flip-flops, sandals, hunting boots, steel-toed boots, hiking boots, shoes/boots with roller wheels, boots above the ankle, or other footwear not expressly described in the dress code/uniform policy are not permitted.
- Clothing or belts must not have attached studs, chains, designs, etc.
- Hair that is bizarre or unnatural in color is not allowed. Extreme haircuts (i.e., Mohawks, spikes, asymmetrical) are not allowed. Hair needs to be well-groomed and not hang in their face.
- Hair accessories need to be modest in size and one of the following colors only: red, light blue, Navy blue, white, brown, or black.
- No tattoos may be visible. Writing on oneself or clothing is not permissible.
- Body piercing of any kind is discouraged. Jewelry worn in body piercings is not permitted, except for earrings in their ears.
- No excessive jewelry or makeup is permitted.
- If your child has special dress code needs, please meet with a member of the Leadership team.

Special Events

From time to time, students will be able to wear items other than those specified in the dress code/uniform policy. During these days, students are still expected to dress school-appropriately and follow the guidelines listed under "Clothing and Accessories". These times will include:

- Spirit Days (i.e., favorite sports team day, Crazy hair/hat day, etc.) The expectation is that students will follow the guidelines for that particular spirit day or wear CSA spirit wear. Uniform bottoms are a requirement on all spirit days.
- On days when students will meet with their Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop, they may wear their Scout uniform, including Scout dress pants or skirts. The Girl Scouts have a written document that outlines acceptable Girl Scout wear. This document has been given to all Girl Scout Leaders and will be shared with parents and students at the beginning of each school year.

- CSA teams or groups may have days to wear their specific uniform top. Uniform bottoms are required.
- Halloween party day: Please avoid costumes that project violence or gore (no fake weapons of any type), ethnic, gender, or religious discrimination, or costumes that project a provocative image. In other words, use your good judgment when selecting a costume with your child. For safety reasons, please do not have students wear masks to school. Halloween costume guidelines are published each year in the Tuesday Times.

Policy Compliance

If a student's attire for the school day or school-related activity is found to be unacceptable according to the dress code/uniform policy standards, the teacher will notify the parent and ask them to bring the appropriate item of clothing to school. CSA may be able to loan the item from the school's clothing inventory for the rest of the day. If an item is loaned to the student, the item will need to be washed and returned to CSA. Accepting the premise that compliance with the CSA dress code/uniform policy begins at home, the school encourages parents to have a contingency plan for times they may not be able to bring a clothing item to school. This contingency plan, similar to the one you would follow if your daughter/son becomes sick during the school day, might involve a relative or neighbor who would act on your behalf. Repeated violation of the dress code/uniform policy will be viewed as insubordination and persistent disobedience.

The Academy recognizes the importance of individually held religious beliefs. The Academy will try to reasonably accommodate students' sincerely-held religious beliefs that are in conflict with this Dress Code Policy unless the reasonable accommodation would be detrimental to the educational process or cause any issues to the safety or welfare of others. Students requesting such reasonable accommodations should contact the Principal.

Any other students requesting reasonable accommodations to the Dress Code Policy should also contact the Principal.