



# ***Carroll Christian Schools***

550 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, MD 21157

## **Dress Code for 2016-2017 School Year**

### **Introduction:**

Please note that our uniform company is Lands' End. Our specific school uniform items can be viewed from our school website, [www.carrollchristian.com](http://www.carrollchristian.com). On the website, click on the "Info" tab and then click on "School Uniforms" to see approved items.

Flynn and O'Hare uniforms will still be allowed as we phase them out. The main differences are quality, price, service, access, and availability.

Patriot Wear items will be available from Lands' End and are also available from the Wilson's Spirit Store. The Spirit Store tab is also on the website under the "Info" tab. We also have some spirit wear items available in our school store.

Uniforms should be from Lands' End or Wilson's but can be the equivalent thereof. Specific specialty items must come from Lands' End. Those items are specified in these guidelines under "Standard Uniform 3c" of the girls' section or "Standard Uniform 4c" of the boys' section.

### **Dress Code Guidelines**

1. The school uniform reduces competition between students about clothes and puts the proper emphasis on character and personality traits. It is designed to produce uniformity in the appearance of our student body.
2. Uniform school dress is to be observed at all times, both to and from school, and throughout the school day, unless other instructions have been given from the school office. Students who change out of school uniform to prepare for work or practices must follow school guidelines with their attire. Students must have a valid reason to change out of school uniform before leaving campus.
3. Only CCS logos/emblems are permitted on sweaters, shirts, or jackets.
4. The students are permitted to wear non-uniform coats and jackets to school. Before entering homeroom the articles must be taken off; otherwise, the student will be considered in violation of the dress code.
5. Students in K-12 who are out of dress code will be requested to immediately correct the dress code issue. Failure or inability to comply normally will result in students being given a "Discipline Notice." If it is a serious dress code infraction, the student will be sent to call their parents to correct the situation and may receive additional disciplinary action.

6. Students who repeatedly challenge the dress code will receive detentions and eventually suspensions.
7. When choosing white items, please choose pure white rather than off-white, oatmeal, or tan.

## **Dress Code for Girls K-12**

\*\*If there are any questions regarding the girls' dress code, please address them to Mrs. Grab. She will be making all determinations when a girl is sent to the office for dress code issues.

### Standard Uniform:

1. Skirts:
  - a. Girls may wear khaki or navy skirts or jumpers.
  - b. Skirts and jumpers must be to the **middle of the knee**. It is recommended that skirts are purchased with lengths below the knee to allow for growth.
  - c. Skirts should be A-Line or Box Pleat.
  - d. All Lands' End or Wilson's shirts (polos, oxfords, and/or blouses) must have either the CCS logo or the Patriot logo. Plain shirts without logos in the school colors are permitted if you already have them or need to find them at a lower price. Our desire is to have all shirts with the school logos. The PTO School Store will embroider logos for a minimal fee. Please bring these items to the school office and fill out the order form.
  - e. Blouses and oxfords must be tucked in at all times and must not be bloused excessively. Blouses and oxfords must have a collar.
  - f. Polos that sit at the hip neatly do not have to be tucked. If they are longer or are sloppy, they will need to be tucked. They must not be bloused excessively.
  - g. All shirts must be button down and all buttons except the top button must be buttoned.
  - h. Girls in upper elementary and in secondary should wear appropriate undergarments beneath their shirts to provide modesty. These should have no writing on them and should be white or nude colored to prevent any visible color from showing through the outer shirt.
  - i. Shirts may have either long or short sleeves.
  - j. Shirts should not be made of sheer material.
  - k. Blouses must not be low cut.
  - l. Girls may wear solid color polos, blouses, or oxfords that are red, white, light blue, or navy.
  - m. Girls may wear turtlenecks, mock-turtlenecks, and long-sleeve t-shirts that are red, white, light blue, or navy. These shirts should not be tight and do not need to have the school logo.
  - n. Turtlenecks or mock-turtlenecks may be worn alone or under another school uniform shirt. The turtleneck or mock-turtleneck does not have to be the same sleeve length or color as the uniform shirt but should match well.
  - o. Long-sleeve t-shirts may **ONLY** be worn under another school uniform shirt. They do not need to be the same sleeve length or color as the uniform shirt.
2. Sweaters and Sweatshirts:

- a. Girls may wear sweaters that are solid red, white, light blue, or navy. They can be button down, pullover, V-neck, or cardigan. We encourage you to order these from Lands' End with the CCS logos.
  - b. Sweaters purchased somewhere other than Lands' End may not have hoods or zippers and must be of normal sweater material, not "fleece" or "sweatshirt" material.
  - c. Girls may wear the following specialty items that are available only through Lands' End and must have the school logo. These acceptable options are a micro fleece half-zip pullover (T-100), a fleece jacket (T-200), a down vest, Color Block Active Polo in blue and white or red and white, a zip-front drifter cardigan, a piped athletic jacket, and a hooded zip-front cardigan (cable sweater).
  - d. Polos, oxford shirts, or blouses must be worn under any sweatshirt, sweater, or "hoodie." This is not something that is simply forgotten; therefore, it will be treated as a more serious offense because it is a deliberate infraction of the rules.
  - e. Students may also wear Patriot Wear hoodies and sweatshirts. Hoodies and sweatshirts may not be worn during chapel.
  - f. Hoods should not be up when the student is inside the school building or on the bus.
3. Socks: Girls should wear white, black, khaki, or navy blue knee highs, crew socks, tights, or pantyhose. Socks must be visible. They may have a simple Nike swoosh, Reebok emblem, or Adidas logo but may not have any other lines or symbols on them. Yoga pants and leggings are not permitted.
4. Shoes:
- a. Girls should wear regular dress shoes (Mary Janes, oxfords, or loafers with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown.
  - b. Shoes must have a back.
  - c. Shoes may have a heel that is not higher than 2".
  - d. Laced shoes must be kept tied.
  - e. Sperry Topsiders will be allowed in black, navy, tan, or brown. Two tones of the listed shoe colors are permitted.
  - f. Moccasins, clogs, and slipper-type shoes are too casual and are not allowed.
  - g. Tennis shoes and open-toed shoes may not be worn.
  - h. Boots may not be worn with the regular school uniform.
  - i. Spikes, cleats, or muddy shoes from athletics cannot be worn in the buildings for any reason.
  - j. A shoe that distracts from the overall uniform appearance will not be allowed. All shoes should be kept in good condition.
  - k. Any questions on shoes should be referred to the administration for approval.
5. Accessories:
- a. Hats, sunglasses, or head coverings of any kind may not be worn in the school building unless approved for a particular reason.
  - b. Hair accessories such as headbands and scrunchies that do not cover the entire head are permitted.
  - c. Scarves may be worn to school but cannot be worn during the regular school day.

- d. Girls may wear two earrings per ear at a time. These can be earlobe or cartilage rings. Earrings must not be larger than a dime for elementary girls and no larger than a quarter for secondary girls. Earrings must not hang lower than 1¼ inches.
  - e. Students may wear bracelets, but they should not be excessive in number. If a student wears too many or they become a distraction, the student will be asked to remove them.
  - f. Nails may be painted tastefully.
  - g. Body piercings and/or tattoos are not allowed.
6. Hair:
- a. Girls' hairstyles are to be conservative and avoid extremes and fads, such as shaving or trimming hair extremely close on sides and/or back, cutting short on one side and allowing the other side to be excessively long to cover the eyes. In general, the hair should not hang in the student's eyes.
  - b. Girls should not have a boy's style haircut.
  - c. The hair color must be the student's natural color. Hair may have natural color highlights.

#### Girls Chapel Dress (K5-12<sup>th</sup> grades):

1. Girls must wear a navy or khaki skirt or jumper and a school uniform button-down blouse or oxford shirt in solid red, white, navy blue, or light blue.
2. Since the goal is to look nice in chapel, hoodies, jackets, team jackets, and sweatshirts may not be worn to chapel. Dress sweaters in navy, red, white, and light blue may be worn to chapel.
3. Standard uniform guidelines should be followed for shoes and socks.
4. Fashionable scarves may be worn on chapel days only. Girls may also wear ties on chapel days, if desired.
5. Only students in elementary school who have P.E. on chapel days may wear sneakers to school for chapel.

### **Dress Code for Boys' K-12**

#### Standard Uniform:

1. Pants:
  - a. Boys may wear navy blue or khaki dress pants.
  - b. Pants must be school uniform pants that are purchased from Lands' End or are the equivalent thereof.
  - c. Pants should fit as uniform pants fit, and they should not be too tight or be excessively baggy.
  - d. Jeans, denim, corduroy, and cargo pants are not permitted.
  - e. Pants must be dress pants and should not have patch pockets. They should have pockets that are cut into the pants; the pocket should not be attached to the outside.
2. Belts: Belts must be worn at all times and should be brown, black, navy, or tan.
3. Shirts:
  - a. All Lands' End or Wilson's shirts (polos and/or oxfords) must have either the CCS logo or the Patriot logo. Plain shirts without logos in the school colors are

permitted if you already have them or need to find them at a lower price. Our desire is to have all shirts with the school logos. The PTO School Store will embroider logos for a minimal fee. Please bring these items to the school office and fill out the order form.

- b. Polos and oxfords must be tucked in at all times.
  - c. All buttons except the top button must be buttoned on all shirts.
  - d. A solid color, plain t-shirt must be worn underneath dress shirts. If a t-shirt is worn under a polo, it must also be a solid color, plain shirt.
  - e. Shirts may have either long or short sleeves.
  - f. Boys may wear polos, oxfords, or dress shirts that are solid red, white, light blue, or navy.
  - g. Turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks, and long-sleeve t-shirts that are red, white, light blue, or navy may be worn. They should not be too tight, and they do not have to have the school logo.
  - h. Turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks may be worn alone or under another school uniform shirt. They do not have to be the same sleeve length or color as the uniform shirt but should match and look sharp.
  - i. Long-sleeve t-shirts may ONLY be worn under another school uniform shirt. They do not need to be the same sleeve length or color as the uniform shirt.
4. Sweaters
- a. Boys may wear sweaters that are solid red, white, light blue, or navy. They can be button down, pullover, V-neck, or cardigan. We encourage you to order these from Lands' End with the CCS logos.
  - b. Sweaters purchased somewhere other than Lands' End may not have hoods or zippers and must be of normal sweater material, not "fleece" or "sweatshirt" material.
  - c. Boys may wear the following specialty items that are available only through Lands' End and must have the school logo. These acceptable options are a micro fleece half-zip pullover (T-100), a fleece jacket (T-200), a down vest, Color Block Active Polo in blue and white or red and white, a zip-front drifter cardigan, a piped athletic jacket, and a hooded zip-front cardigan (cable sweater).
  - d. Polos, dress shirts, or oxford shirts must be worn under any sweatshirt, sweater or "hoodie." This is not something that is simply forgotten; therefore, it will be treated as a more serious offense because it is a deliberate infraction of the rules.
  - e. Students may also wear Patriot Wear hoodies and sweatshirts. Hoodies and sweatshirts may not be worn to chapel.
  - f. Hoods should not be up when the student is inside the school building or on the bus.
5. Socks: Boys must wear socks that are black, navy, white or khaki. Socks should be visible. They may have a simple Nike swoosh, Reebok emblem, or Adidas logo but may not have any other lines or symbols on them.
6. Shoes:
- a. Boys should wear regular dress shoes (oxfords, loafers, etc.) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown with matching laces.
  - b. Shoes must have a back.
  - c. Laced shoes are to be kept tied.

- d. Sperry Topsiders will be allowed in black, navy, tan, or brown. Two tones of the listed school colors are permitted.
  - e. Moccasins, clogs, and slipper type shoes are too casual and are not allowed.
  - f. Tennis shoes and open-toed shoes are not allowed.
  - g. Boots may not be worn with the regular school uniform.
  - h. Spikes, cleats, or muddy shoes from athletics cannot be worn in the buildings for any reason.
  - i. A shoe that distracts from the overall uniform appearance will not be allowed. Shoes should be kept in good condition.
  - j. Any questions on shoes should be referred to the administration for approval.
7. Accessories:
- a. Hats, sunglasses, or head coverings of any kind may not be worn in the school building unless approved for a particular reason.
  - b. Boys should not wear earrings or necklaces.
  - c. Boys may wear elastic bracelets, but they should not be excessive in number and must be appropriate. If a student wears too many or if they become a distraction, the student will be asked to remove them.
  - d. Body piercings and/or tattoos are not allowed.
8. Hair:
- a. Boys' hair must not be excessively full and should be off the collar in the back, off the ears, and out of the eyes.
  - b. Hair should be neat and should not be a fad style. Tapered cuts are preferred. Tapered means it should not have a ridge. Tapered hair should be a consistent length on the top and sides.
  - c. Hair must not be dyed or colored. Those who do so will be asked to leave school until the normal hair color is restored. This will be an unexcused absence and a penalty will also be given.
  - d. Unusual styles will not be accepted.
  - e. Hair must be to school code by the first day of school, first day of athletic practice, and when returning from a school break (i.e., Christmas break).
  - f. Should a student be requested to get a haircut, he will be given three days to comply. If the student does not comply within the specified time, he will not be allowed to return to school until he is in compliance and may receive detention.
  - g. Hairstyles that cannot be modified by the barber will result in immediate suspension until an acceptable style can be attained.
  - h. No facial hair is permitted. After a student receives two warnings in a quarter or five warnings throughout the school year, he will be sent home to shave. He will receive an unexcused absence for any class or work that he misses. He will also receive disciplinary action.
  - i. There may be a rare occasion when for health reasons the facial hair policy may be adjusted for a specific student.
  - j. Sideburns should not extend beyond the middle of the ear.
  - k. Hair should not have lines or numbers cut into it and should not be brought to a point.

Boys' Chapel Uniform (K5-12<sup>th</sup> grades):

1. Boys must wear a tie on Chapel days; however, any color tie may be worn with any color dress shirt.
2. Ties should be worn properly on Chapel days until chapel is over. After chapel, if the student is not wearing it properly, it should be taken off.
3. Pants should be uniform pants that are khaki or navy. We will also allow black dress pants or a black suit on chapel days.
4. Any color dress sweater may be worn on Chapel day.
5. Since the goal is to look sharp, hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, Patriot Wear, and team jackets cannot be worn to Chapel.
6. Suit jackets may be worn on Chapel days.
7. Standard uniform guidelines should be followed for belt, shoes, and socks.
8. Only students in elementary school who have P.E. on Mondays may wear sneakers to school and chapel.

## General Dress Code

### P.E. Uniform:

1. Grades K-5:
  - a. CCS P.E. uniforms from the Wilson's Spirit Store or Lands' End are optional.
  - b. Students may wear sneakers with their regular school uniform.
  - c. Girls must wear navy, black, or khaki shorts under their skirts.
  - d. If girls want to change for P.E., then the CCS PE uniform shorts are required. Students may not wear any other shorts for P.E. Students may either choose the P.E. shirt available through Lands' End or Wilson's or may wear their regular polo shirt.
2. Grades 6-12
  - a. All students who have P.E. must have a CCS PE uniform from either Wilson's Spirit Store or Lands' End. They can be viewed at our school website under the "Info" tab.
  - b. A CCS P.E. uniform t-shirt (long or short sleeve) and uniform shorts are required. If students are not in the correct uniform, they will not be allowed to participate.
  - c. Sweatpants and wind pants are optional but recommended for cold days.
  - d. CCS sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn as well as the wind jackets available on our Lands' End site.
  - e. Failure to wear the required uniform three times per quarter will result in a detention.
  - f. Eight (8) or more zeroes for nonparticipation in the year (including not wearing the uniform) will result in loss of credit for the course. There will be no exceptions made unless there is a valid, physician approved, medical reason. P.E. participation is expected of all students in the P.E. elective unless a valid reason exists.
  - g. Students must wear sneakers and socks.

### Casual Days:

Some of the Casual Days will be used as a fundraiser for the sports department. We have seven scheduled Casual Days. Providing drinks four times will earn you the right to participate in five



of the seven Casual Days. The drinks will be sold at sporting events and the proceeds will benefit the sports department. On the September 16, November 23, February 14, and March 17 Casual Days, families will send in a case of soda, water, or Gatorade per the Athletic Director's information.

The two remaining Casual Days may be used to minister to others and further information regarding these donations for Casual Day will be sent out in the newsletter before the date of donation.

Participation in Casual Days is a privilege and not a guaranteed right. If a student does not follow the Casual Day guidelines, that student will forfeit his/her privilege to participate in Casual Day even if he/she provided drinks for the sports department. If students push the limits with clothes that are too short or too tight, they will lose their Casual Day privilege.

Please note:

- The first time a student is out of Casual Day dress code, the parent will be called to bring in a change of clothes and the student will receive a blue slip with a warning. If the student is in immodest dress, they will not be allowed to return to class until the parent brings in a change of clothes.
- The second time a student is out of dress code, the parent will be called to bring in a school uniform, and the student will receive a blue slip and further disciplinary action. Any student out of dress code for the second time on Casual Day will not be allowed to return to class until the parent brings in a school uniform.
- If a student comes out of dress code a third time, the above rules will apply, and the student will not be allowed to participate in Casual Day for the remainder of the school year. They will be required to be in school uniform.

Casual Day Guidelines:

1. Specific guidelines will be given for each Casual Day. Sometimes, a specific theme will be given for Casual Day. For example, we may have "Sports Team Day" where students should wear a jersey or shirt from their favorite sports team. If a specific theme is designated, the choice of clothes must clearly indicate the student followed the theme guidelines.
2. Students will be allowed to wear jeans on Casual Day. Appropriate-fitting boot cut, straight leg, and flare cut jeans are permitted. No skin tight jeans, skinny jeans, jeggings, yoga pants, or leggings are permitted. Jeans should be clean and neat and should not have any holes in them. If they do not fit the standard, a parent will be called and asked to bring appropriate attire. Please see above note regarding Casual Day dress code infractions.
3. Dress boots in black, brown, tan, navy, or grey may be worn for Casual Day.
4. Ugg-style boots will not be allowed.
5. Students may wear sneakers. Flip-flops and sandals may not be worn.



## Game Days:

The following policies pertain to athletes on middle school and high school teams game days:

1. Soccer and Volleyball Teams: For both home and away game days, the athletes on these teams may wear their team jersey, team shorts under team warm-up pants with socks and sneakers.
2. Basketball Teams: For home basketball games, the athletes may wear their team jersey under a Spirit Wear Hoodie or team warm-up jacket with team shorts under team warm-up pants with socks and sneakers.  
\*\*\*\*For away basketball games, follow the guidelines listed below under Dress-Up Days.
3. Cheerleaders: On game days, cheerleaders may wear their full uniform.
4. Baseball Team: For home and away baseball games, the athletes may wear their red and blue jerseys, team uniform pants with socks and sneakers.

\*\*NOTE: No generic T-shirts, wind pants, sweats, flip-flops, or sandals may be worn. Team uniforms only as listed above.

1. Athletic Events
  - a. Students attending athletic events, either home or away, may wear proper fitting, school standard jeans and a CCS t-shirt (i.e. retreat shirt or CCS spirit wear shirt). Students may also wear sweatpants or wind pants.
  - b. Shorts may not be worn by spectators unless specific permission from the administrator is given.
  - c. Skinny jeans, jeggings, leggings, and yoga pants may not be worn.
  - d. Athletes who come to games should view the Athletic Handbook for the policy for players.
  - e. We want our fans and our teams to be classy and look sharp. If students are wearing immodest or inappropriate outfits, a blue slip will be given the next school day and further disciplinary action may occur for continued infractions.
2. School Programs
  - a. Dress for those attending all school programs will be the school uniform or the equivalent of the school uniform unless an exception is announced. In other words, boys should wear dress pants and a dress shirt or polo. Girls should wear a modest, appropriate, middle-of-the-knee length skirt and blouse or dress. A dress code violation at any school function may result in a detention and the student may be asked to change. If they cannot change, they may be asked to leave.
  - b. Special attire may be requested for those who are performing.
3. Field Trips: Most field trips require school uniforms. Exceptions are made on a per event basis. Please consult your child's teacher for details on a specific field trip. If students are allowed to dress casually, Walk-a-Thon or CCS-themed shirts will be required.
4. Field Days
  - a. Standard dress for these events is sweatpants or wind pants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes.
  - b. T-shirts should not have offensive or objectionable writing or pictures.

- c. Modest, knee-length athletic shorts that are not tight may be worn while participating outside in Field Day. Wind pants or sweatpants must be worn over shorts when inside the school building on Field Day.

#### Dress Up Days:

1. Picture Day and away ball games.
  - a. Boys should wear dress pants, button-down dress shirt, tie, dress socks, and dress shoes.
  - b. Boys are encouraged to wear a dress sweater or a suit. We want them to look sharp!
  - c. Girls should wear a dress or a skirt that comes to the middle of the knee. Parents please help enforce this before they come. If a girl's dress or skirt is too short or too tight, they will be asked to call their parent to bring them appropriate attire. They may also receive disciplinary action. If it is a repeated issue of a student having questionable attire, they may lose the privilege and have to remain in school uniform for other functions.
  - d. Lace overlay dresses – the dress itself (not the lace overlay) is to come to the middle of the knee and must not come above the knee when seated. NOTE: The lace overlay is usually longer than the dress.
  - e. Girls who wear a skirt should wear a modest blouse with sleeves or a sweater with sleeves. The neckline should not reveal cleavage, and it should be buttoned all but the top button. Blouses, skirts, and/or dresses should not be sheer or see through.
  - f. Girls should wear dress shoes and appropriate socks, tights, or hose. Heels should not be higher than 2 inches.
  - g. Clothing should not be too tight and should be dressy.
  - h. Please wear an appropriate-length slip.
2. Jr./Sr. Banquet/Formal Banquets (including Sports Banquet, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet)
  - a. Ladies
    - 1) All dresses must be presented to a committee of three ladies at the same time. The dresses will be approved at the discretion of the three-member committee. The committee may ask a young lady to wear a cover or make alterations as needed.
    - 2) The dresses need to be approved at least two weeks in advance for approval. The student must come prepared to try on the dress (including shoes and appropriate undergarments). A letter with specific dates for dress checks will be sent out prior to each event.
    - 3) Any dress needing alteration must be checked again and approved by the members of the committee before the event (within the two-week time period unless otherwise approved by the committee).
    - 4) If a young lady shows up at a banquet in a dress that does not meet the CCS standard, the student will be given a sweater to wear and may face disciplinary action.
    - 5) Absolutely no cleavage can show while sitting, standing, or bending over.
    - 6) Appropriate undergarments must be worn according to the style of the dress (including an appropriate-length slip).
    - 7) No off-shoulder, strapless, or single-shoulder dresses are allowed.

- 8) No spaghetti strap dresses may be worn without a cover-up (i.e., jacket, bolero, shrug). If a shawl is worn, it must be pinned to cover the straps.
  - 9) The back of the dress must come high enough to cover the bra. Openings should not go below the bra. Approval will be at the discretion of the three-member committee.
  - 10) The dress length is to come to the middle of the knee and must not come above the knee when seated. Long dress slits may be no higher than the knee when sitting or standing.
  - 11) Lace overlay dresses - the dress itself (not the lace overlay) is to come to the middle of the knee and must not come above the knee when seated. NOTE: The lace overlay is usually longer than the dress.
  - 12) Dresses should fit nicely; however, they should not be too tight.
  - 13) Young ladies who do not attend CCS must also have their dresses approved in order to attend. Please make sure all guidelines are met before bringing the dress in for approval.
  - 14) Please be aware that not all styles accommodate everyone. Dresses will be approved according to how the style looks when worn by the young lady.
- b. Gentlemen:
- 1) All gentlemen are to conform to CCS dress code guidelines concerning their attire, hair, and facial hair.
  - 2) Clothing should meet or exceed the uniform standard.
  - 3) Gentlemen should wear a suit or tux, dress pants, dress socks, dress shoes, and tie.