



Carroll Christian Schools

DRESS CODE

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. On the website, click on the "Info" tab and then click on "School Uniforms" to see approved items.

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 PTO School Store.

Uniforms can be purchased 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.

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 "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. Wooden. 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. Skirts may not be the wrap around style, form fitting or show undergarment lines.
 - e. Skirts are not to be rolled up at the waistband to make them shorter than the required length.

2. Shirts:

- a. 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.
- b. Blouses and oxfords must be tucked in at all times and must not be bloused excessively. Blouses and oxfords must have a collar.
- c. 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.
- d. Aside from Polos, all shirts must be button down and all buttons except the top button must be buttoned.
- e. 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.
- f. Shirts may have either long or short sleeves.
- g. Shirts should not be made of sheer material.
- h. Blouses must not be low cut.
- i. Girls may wear solid color polos, blouses, or oxfords that are red, white, light blue, or navy.
- j. Girls may wear turtlenecks or mock-turtlenecks that are red, white, light blue, or navy. These shirts should not be tight and do not need to have the school logo.
- k. They 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.
- l. Long-sleeve t-shirts in red, white, navy or light blue may be worn ONLY under another school uniform shirt. They do not need to be the same sleeve length or color as the uniform shirt.

3. 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. Patriot wear will say CCS or Patriots. Hoodies from other places such as a NACA hoodie may not be worn as part of the regular uniform.
 - f. Hoods should not be up when the student is inside the school building or on the bus.
4. Socks: Girls should wear white, black, khaki, navy blue, or red knee highs, crew socks, tights, or pantyhose. 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 are not permitted. Leggings may be worn under the school uniform skirts when it is cold outside. Leggings must be white, black, navy, khaki, or red. Leggings cannot be worn without a skirt over them.

5. Shoes:

a. **Dress Shoes**

- 1) **Elementary students** - regular dress shoes (Mary Janes, oxfords, or loafers with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown are needed for special events such as Christmas Programs, etc.
- 2) **Secondary students** - girls should wear regular dress shoes (Mary Janes, oxfords, or loafers with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown or classic all-white Keds or Vans type of shoes.

b. **Sneakers**

- 1) **Elementary students** may wear regular sneakers all 5 days of the week unless specific instructions are given to wear something else. Dress shoes will still be needed for special programs, Fine Arts, etc. Squeakers, lights, wheels or any other hazards or distractions on the sneakers are prohibited.
- 2) **Secondary students** may not wear sneakers to class (with the exception of the all-white Keds or Vans type).

c. Shoes must have a back.

d. Shoes may have a heel that is not higher than 2”.

e. Laced shoes must be kept tied.

f. Sperry Topsiders will be allowed in black, navy, tan, or brown. Two tones of the listed shoe colors are permitted.

g. Moccasins, clogs, and slipper-type shoes are too casual and are not allowed.

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.

6. 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 no more than 3 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, tattoos, and ear gauging are not allowed.

7. 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 a natural color (brown, blonde, black, or natural red). Hair may have natural color highlights but cannot have any coloring that is not natural looking.

d. Certain styles such as ombre coloring may be pre-approved by the Administrator.

e. Hair should not be 2 contrasting colors (even if natural colors) without pre-approval.

Girls Chapel Dress (K5-12th grades):

1. Girls must wear a navy or khaki skirt or jumper and a dressy button-down blouse or oxford shirt in a color of choice.

2. Hoodies, jackets, team jackets, and sweatshirts may not be worn to chapel. Dress sweaters in a color of choice 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.

Dress Code for Boys K-12

Standard Uniform:

1. Pants:
 - a. Boys may wear navy blue or khaki dress pants. ** See the Lands End pants on the website for an example
 - b. Pants must be school uniform pants that are purchased from Lands' End or are the equivalent thereof.
 - c. Pants should not be excessively baggy. They should not be 'skinny', tight or have a jean- type look.
 - 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.
 - f. Pants should be light khaki or tan khaki in color as you see from Lands End. They should not be off shades of brown, rust, etc.
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.
 - 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 and mock turtlenecks 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. They 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 in red, white, navy, or light blue may be worn ONLY 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. Patriot wear will say 'CCS' or 'Patriots'. Hoodies from other places such as 'NACA' hoodies may not be worn as part of the regular uniform.
 - 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. **Dress Shoes**
 - 1) **Elementary students** - regular dress shoes (oxfords, or loafers, etc. with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown are needed for special events such as Christmas Programs, etc.
 - 2) **Secondary students** - boys should wear regular dress shoes (oxfords, or loafers, etc. with matching laces) that are black, navy, tan, or any shade of brown.
 - b. **Sneakers**
 - 1) **Elementary students** may wear regular sneakers all five days of the school week unless specific instructions are given to wear something else. Dress shoes will still be needed for programs, Fine Arts, etc. Squeakers, lights, wheels or any other hazards or distractions on are prohibited.
 - 2) **Secondary students** may not wear sneakers to class.
 - c. Shoes must have a back.
 - d. Laced shoes are to be kept tied.
 - e. Sperry Topsiders will be allowed in black, navy, tan, or brown. Two tones of the listed school colors are permitted.
 - f. Moccasins, clogs, and slipper type shoes are too casual and 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, tattoos and ear gauging 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.
 - c. Hair should not be longer than 2" on top of the head.
 - d. Students cannot have their hair long on the top and shaved on the sides. **A slight difference from the top and sides is acceptable.** Please view some examples of what is acceptable and what is not by going to our website under the 'Info' tab.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Unusual styles will not be accepted.

- g. 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).
- h. 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.
- i. Hairstyles that cannot be modified by the barber will result in immediate suspension until an acceptable style can be attained.
- j. Hair that is long enough to be put in a “man bun” or that is hanging in your eyes is too long.
- k. 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 may also receive disciplinary action.
- l. There may be a rare occasion when for health reasons the facial hair policy may be adjusted for a specific student.
- m. Sideburns should not extend beyond the middle of the ear.
- n. Hair should not have lines or numbers cut into it and should not be brought to a point.

Boys’ Chapel Uniform (K5-12th grades):

- 1. Boys must wear a tie on Chapel days. 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.
- 4. Any color dress sweater may be worn on Chapel day.
- 5. Hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, Patriot Wear, and team jackets cannot be worn to Chapel.
- 6. Suits or dress pants and suit jackets may be worn on Chapel days.
- 7. Standard uniform guidelines should be followed for belt and shoes. Socks in any color of choice or appropriate design may be worn.
- 8. If there is a game on Chapel day, athletes may wear their team attire as stated in the Athletic Handbook.

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 secondary 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 and will lose points from their grade.
 - 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. These drinks will be sold at sporting events and the proceeds will benefit the sports department. We have scheduled casual days on September 14, October 12, November 21, December 21, February 14, March 22, and May 10. Families will be asked to send in a case of soda, water, or Gatorade per the Athletic Director's information on September 14, November 21, December 21, and March 22 in order to be eligible to participate in all 7 casual days. Dates will be announced via email from the Athletic Director.

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 notice 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 notice 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 on all subsequent casual days.

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. Students may wear sneakers, flip-flops, slides, or sandals.
5. Shorts cannot be worn on Casual Days.

Game Days:

The following policies pertain to athletes on middle school and high school team 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 or team shirt 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. They will wear sneakers that are not their cheer uniform sneakers.
4. Baseball Team: For home and away baseball games, the athletes may wear their red and blue jerseys, team uniform pants or khaki pants with socks and sneakers.
5. Players should not look sloppy. Jerseys should be tucked in, etc.
6. If a player wears their warmups on the wrong day, the first time they will be given a notice warning. The second time during a season that an athlete comes in warm ups on the wrong day, they will lose their privilege to wear warmups at school on game days.

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

These game day guidelines are in place for any game day including chapel days unless other notification is given.

Dress Code for Extracurricular Activities

1. Athletic Events

- a. Students attending athletic events, either home or away, may wear proper fitting, school standard jeans or sweatpants and a CCS t-shirt (i.e. retreat shirt or CCS spirit wear shirt).
- b. In the fall and spring seasons, spectators may wear proper fitting CCS PE shorts. The shorts should come to 2" above the knee and are not to be rolled up at the waist to make them shorter. Shorts that are not PE uniform shorts may not be worn. Athletes coming directly from a CCS practice or a game where they are in shorts may stay in those practice shorts.
- c. During the winter season, shorts should not be worn.
- d. Skinny jeans, jeggings, leggings, and yoga pants may not be worn.
- e. Athletes who come to games should view the Athletic Handbook for the policy for players.
- f. It is our desire that our fans and teams are classy and look sharp. Therefore, if students dress immodestly or inappropriately, a notice 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 chapel dress or 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:

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. Secondary students should be careful to make sure they keep their retreat shirts for this purpose.

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, 8th Grade Banquet, and Homecoming)**
 - a. Ladies
 - 1) All dresses must be presented to a Dress Check Committee of three ladies at the same time for approval. The schedule will be as follows:
 - Approximately six weeks prior to event – Dress check dates announced
 - Approximately one month prior to event – 1st dress check
 - Approximately two weeks prior to event – Final, follow up dress check for dresses needing alterations after first check.
 - 2) Ladies will be asked to submit photographs ahead of time, as some issues with dresses may be taken care of prior to the dress check date, saving time for all involved.
 - 3) Ladies should come to the dress check prepared to try the dress on with shoes and appropriate undergarments. If uncertain about a particular dress, more than one dress may be brought to the dress check.
 - 4) Any dress requiring alterations must be checked again and approved by the dress check committee prior to the event.
 - 5) Possible outcomes of the dress check: (1) dress is approved, (2) the young lady may be asked to wear a cover (e.g. sweater, bolero, shrug) with the dress to the event, (3) alterations may be necessary to make the dress acceptable, or (4) the young lady may need to choose a different dress.
 - 6) Approval will not be given on the day of the dress checks. After discussion among the committee members, each girl will receive (within 48 hours) either a dress approval, notice of required alterations, or notice to choose a different dress.
 - 7) Dresses requiring alterations after the first dress check will be re-checked after changes are made.
 - 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.

- 4) Pants should not be tight.

***Below are some guidelines. However, please understand that the same dress can look very different depending on who is wearing it. There are also many style variations making it difficult to describe every possible type of dress in words. Therefore, dresses will be approved on a case-by-case basis according to how it looks when worn by the young lady. Images of acceptable and unacceptable styles will be distributed prior to the event so that ladies have an idea of what types of dresses to look for. In general, MODESTY is our goal...modest dresses will be approved and immodest dresses will not. Knowing that this is subjective is the reason for a 3-person committee.**

Basic Dress Guidelines:

1. Absolutely no cleavage can show while sitting, standing, or bending over. There are many styles of straps at the top of dresses (too many to describe here), so decisions will be made by the committee as to what is acceptable. Remember that modesty is the key.
2. The sides of the dress (underneath armpits) must provide ample coverage.
3. Appropriate undergarments must be worn according to the style of the dress (including a slip).
4. No nude-colored underlay that creates the illusion that nothing is underneath will be permitted.
5. No tight, form-fitting, "mermaid" styles will be allowed.
6. The back of the dress must come high enough to cover where a regular bra strap lies on the back. Openings should not go below the bra line.
7. The dress length is to come to the middle of the knee and must not come above the knee when seated. Slits may be no higher than the knee when sitting or standing. If the dress has a lace overlay, 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.