







The Columbus Academy Dress Code 2011-12

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. 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, blue, pink, maroon, gray, black, or purple	Any solid color
<p><u>Blouses/Shirts/Turtlenecks</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, blue, pink, maroon, gray, black, or purple 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.
<p><u>Pants</u> Solid color cotton, cotton-blend, or corduroy pants that are hemmed and have belt loops</p>	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray Pockets must be void of exterior stitching and zippers. No patch pockets.	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray 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, navy blue, or gray May be worn before Thanksgiving and after Spring Break	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray May be worn before Thanksgiving and after Spring Break	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray May be worn before Thanksgiving and after Spring Break
<p><u>Skirts</u> Solid color knee-length skirts</p> 	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray Skorts only...NO SKIRTS.	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray (Shorts must be worn under skirts.) Tights/leggings must be worn under skirts from Thanksgiving to Spring Break.	Khaki, stone, navy blue, or gray (Shorts must be worn under skirts.)
<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 Tights/leggings may be worn under jumpers from Thanksgiving to Spring Break.	Khaki, navy blue, or gray Tights/leggings must be worn under jumpers from Thanksgiving to Spring Break.	N/A
<p><u>Sweaters</u> Cardigans with buttons or a zipper or sweater vests: solid color crew neck or v-neck. Must be free of hoods, and non-Columbus Academy lettering and logos. **See Sweater Style Guide for details**</p>	Navy blue, maroon, or gray	White, blue, pink, maroon, gray, black, or purple Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved sweaters.	Any solid color (waist to hip length) Long sleeved shirts and/or undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeved sweaters.
<p><u>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. Must be free of non-Columbus Academy lettering and logos.	Any solid color. Must be free of non-Columbus Academy lettering and logos.

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<u>Sweatshirts</u>	Crew-neck and v-neck CA sweatshirts are permitted. Must be free of hoods.	No sweatshirts	No sweatshirts
<u>Shoes</u> Solid color black, brown, tan or navy blue with closed toe, closed heel, and a defined sole.	No boot or athletic style shoes.	No boot, slipper, or athletic style shoes. Sole/heel must not exceed 1.5 inches.	No boot, slipper, or athletic style shoes. Sole/heel must not exceed 1.5 inches.
<u>Socks/Tights</u> Socks/tights must be worn and visible at all times.	White, navy blue, light pink (girls only), maroon, gray, or khaki Boys: Ankle socks only Girls: Ankle or knee socks	Footies/ankle socks: Matching, any solid color Knee socks/tights: White, navy blue, maroon, gray, black, or brown, free of design	Footies/ankle socks: Matching, any solid color Knee socks/tights: White, navy blue, maroon, gray, black, or brown, free of design
<u>Belts</u> Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts.	Khaki or navy blue fabric, black or brown leather. Belts are 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.
<u>Jewelry and Accessories</u>	No hats indoors Boys and Girls: Students may wear a watch and one necklace worn under the shirt. No chokers. Girls: 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. Jewelry/hair accessories should not detract from the dress code. Nail polish is not permitted.	No hats indoors Boys and Girls: Students may wear a watch and one necklace worn under the shirt. 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. Boys: Boys are not permitted to wear earrings during the academic day or when publicly representing the school. Girls: Jewelry/hair accessories should not detract from the dress code.	No hats indoors Boys and Girls: 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. Boys: Boys are expected to be clean-shaven and are not permitted to wear earrings during the academic day or when publicly representing the school.

Sweater Style Guide and Additional Notes Regarding Dress Code

<u>Crewneck Cardigan w/ Zipper or Buttons</u>	<u>Crewneck Cardigan</u>	<u>V-neck Cardigan</u>	<u>V-neck Cardigan w/ Zipper or Buttons</u>
			
<u>Half-zip/button Cardigan</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sweaters and fleece must be worn over dress code blouses, shirts, or turtlenecks. (US/MS) Columbus Academy “letter jacket” may be worn in lieu of a sweater or fleece OR over a sweater or fleece. (US) Students may <u>not</u> wear Columbus Academy clothing limited to a particular team, club, activity, etc. The only CA clothing permissible is that purchased through Viking Corner that complies with other aspects of the dress code. Scarves may not be worn during the school day. For the purposes of dress code, the term “school day” means from the time students arrive at school until 3:10pm. 		<u>V-neck Sweater Vest</u> 