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K-8th Grade Student Dress Code; Updated June 2016

While Fashions change, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the education process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

Students are required to wear school uniforms daily. Shirts must be solid white, grey, yellow, or any shade of blue (Never sleeveless, including picture day). Shirts **must** have a collar or turtleneck, logos no larger than a quarter, and may be polo or oxford style. Columbus Preparatory Academy logo is always allowed (unless on a hooded sweatshirt). **Students must wear shirts tucked in at all times.**

V-neck, cardigan, fleece, pullover that has a zipper at the top, vest or crewneck sweater or sweatshirt may be worn over the collared or turtleneck shirt and must be solid blue, white or grey in color. These items are not to be below hip level. No pouch pockets or hoods will be allowed on any garment. **NO HOODIES.** Students may wear jackets to school to protect them from the weather, but must be removed once the student is in the classroom. Should the occasion arise that a room is cold, CPA administrator will allow jackets to be worn.

- **Shirts that are never allowed are anything with a rebel flag, Fubu, Roca wear, Ecko, or Phat Farm, Sean John, Paco, Pink, etc. Please ask if you have questions.**

Exception: Turtleneck sweaters may be worn without a collared shirt underneath. **Students must wear shirts tucked in at all times.**

Slacks, shorts, and Capri's must be solid khaki or navy in color. Logos no larger than a quarter on the pocket will be acceptable. No stitching or jeweled designs on the pockets. **The following items will not be allowed:** Jean material, cargo pocket pants, multi-colored and patterned leggings, parachute pants, windbreakers, fad fabrics, spandex, lycra, leather, wet look, mesh, sheer, metallic, fishnet, frayed hems, stripes, MUDD handprint, "lace up" on ankles or waist pants (drawstring waist is okay). Leggings, spandex and tights are not to be worn by themselves. Snug/tight pants are not appropriate. Pants must be worn at the waist on top of the hips.

Girls may also wear skirts, skorts, or jumpers in navy or khaki. **Girl's leggings, stockings or knee-highs should all be one color of white, brown, blue or black. No designs please. They must be worn with skirts, skorts or shorts.**

Pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be worn with the waistline at the waist level. No hip-huggers, low rise, sagging pants, or gauchos. Shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers and shorts must not be any shorter than 1 inch above the knee.

Proper underwear must be worn, and should not be visible. All hats are to be removed upon entering the building. Other items such as bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, combs, rakes, picks, or rollers are not to be worn as clothing.

All outerwear, such as coats, jackets, oversized shirts, wind shirts; hooded sweatshirts, hats, etc. are not to be worn inside during the school day. **Students must wear shirts tucked in at all times.**

A belt must be worn with slacks, skirts, skorts, or shorts that have belt loops and the belt must be visible. If clothing item has belt loops, the belt loops may not be removed, belt must be worn. Shirts should remain tucked during the school day for student and teacher safety.

Shoes (including dress shoes) must be solid black, brown, navy blue, or white, including laces, soles and logos. Tennis shoes may be worn everyday as long as they are solid white or black. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be tied if designed to do so. NO Flip Flops. "Skate shoes" (heellies) are never allowed with or without wheels, No crocs. All shoes must cover the toes and heels-no sandals. Shoes must be tied appropriately, no skateboard knots. If the shoe has eyelets, there should be a shoestring in it, properly tied. Same color laces as shoes. This includes picture day and field trips, unless otherwise noted. During winter months, November through March, students may wear winter boots.

Non-jewelry chains including, but not limited to, chains attached to wallets or purses may not be worn. No chains or dangling belts. Students should not have writing, or temporary tattoos on their skin or clothes. **Piercing jewelry may be worn only in ears.** Rubber band bracelets, colored bands and bracelets/necklaces with words/logos are not allowed. Any jewelry deemed harmful to the wearer or distracting to other students in the classroom must be removed.

No hair spiking or unnaturally colored hair (i.e. green, blue, orange). Students are not allowed to have words, designs or parts cut in to their hair. Mohawks nor faux hawks are never allowed. Highlights and multiple colors that are not natural are not allowed. For example, if you are a blonde, then black streaks or red streaks are not natural. Again, any colors of highlights are NOT allowed. Any kind of BRAID, WEAVE, EXTENSIONS or FEATHERS that are a different color than your natural hair are NOT allowed. They must match your natural hair color perfectly. Any type of accessory that is supposed to represent hair is NOT allowed. If a student's hair stands more than 4 inches off of their scalp then the hair needs to be pulled down in some way.

Fake nails are not permitted or nails that are sharpened to a point. Only one color of nail polish is allowed. No multi-colored nails.

Clothing or accessory with obscene language, pictures or statements pertaining to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex or violence is not permitted. No clothing with holes or tears. Hems must be finished (no cut-offs or frayed hedges). Sunglasses may not be worn in the building (exceptions allowed for medical reasons).

CPA shirts may be worn at anytime, unless there is a hood attached.

Should the student come to school in attire outside of these requirements we will:

1. Call home for replacements.
2. Try to find the student acceptable replacements from our extra uniforms.
3. A.S.P.

Exceptions:

If a teacher is conducting a special activity that requires special attire, the staff member will seek prior approval from the administration and contact the parents in advance in writing about the event and type of clothing. Special days may be designated as school spirit days. On these days a school or CPA team T-shirt or sweatshirt may be worn. Students must be in compliance with the rest of the dress code.

If any type of clothing worn in building leads to confusion or misunderstanding, the administration will make the final decision as to the clothing's appropriateness. The administration reserves the right to exercise discretion concerning individual physical needs (weight, issues, etc.)

Dress Down Policy:

When dress down days are allowed, please follow these guidelines.

1. Dress code shoes are still required.
2. Plain blue jeans, no designs or holes allowed. No colored jeans or jeggings allowed.
3. Plain color or patterned shirt. Cartoon and college shirts are allowed.
4. Students may always dress up on dress down days.

Procedures for Dress Code Violations

First Offense: Sent to the school principal and/or to the office to change and notify parents. If dress issue cannot be resolved during the school day, student will be in ASP for remainder of that day.

Second Offense: 1 day ASP

Third Offense: 2 days ASP

Fourth Offense: 3 days ASP

If a student borrows clothing from the school office the following will apply:

1. Student will have to sign out the item.
2. A habitual borrower will constitute four or more trips and will result in ASP.

Students who are representing Columbus Preparatory Academy at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements,

**There will be special days to dress up, including picture days and dances. Dresses, suits, sweaters, etc. are appropriate. More specific details on dress code for these events will be sent home closer to their scheduled dates.