

CLEVELAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS

2018-2019

Students must be in dress code throughout the entire day (from arrival through 2:40 P.M. Students must be, however, dressed appropriately at all times, e.g., with care for modesty. (Exception: students in period 1 physical education may report to the gymnasium upon arrival to school.)

It is the responsibility of all students, as well as parents/guardians, to cooperate with the school and conform to the dress standards. All clothing worn in school should be neat, clean, and in good repair. Clothing, jewelry, and other accessories should reflect the Christian philosophy of the school at all times and should not be inappropriate (e.g., Playboy emblem, occult or pagan symbols, inappropriate images, gang markings, drugs or alcohol, etc.); advertise or endorse the use of alcohol or tobacco products, or encourage the use of illegal substances.

If a student is not properly dressed (uncorrectable violation) the parent/guardian will be notified, and the student will be sent home to change for violating dress code. Students are required to return to school as soon as possible. Students will make up all missed work. Failure to return to school will result in suspension. Additionally, infraction points will be added to the student's record.

Visible body piercing (other than ears) is not acceptable (e.g., lip, nose, tongue, and eyebrow piercings--band-aids may not be used to cover piercings). Refusal to remove or repeated violations of this type of jewelry will be considered defiance or insubordination.

Tattoos are discouraged for health reasons. Any body art that is contrary to the school's Christian philosophy must be covered both in school and in athletic competitions.

Outside- and sportswear—such as jackets, coats, hoodies, scarves, gloves, hats, mittens, ski bands, sweatbands, bandanas, earmuffs, headphones, sunglasses, etc.—are not to be worn at any time during the school day. Such items are to be kept in the student's LOCKED locker.

Male and Female Students

On game or activity days only, club members and sports team participants may wear non-dress code attire with the **prior approval** of the Dean of Students.

CCC Sweaters and CCC Vests: Only CCC monogrammed sweaters or vests (worn with a button-dress shirt or red, white, or navy-blue turtlenecks) may be worn as part of the uniform. No sweatshirts are permitted.

General Hair: Hair must be neatly cut/styled. **Extremes** in hair styles are **prohibited**, e.g., extreme spiking/height, Mohawks, **designs carved into hair**, hair which covers the eyes, tails, **unnatural colors** or unnatural combinations of colors (natural colors: brown, black, blonde, auburn). Common unnatural colors are cherry, pink, white, bronze, burgundy, orange, etc. **If you are thinking about a change, please verify its acceptability in the office before undergoing the risk.**

Boys' Hair Grooming/Braids/Facial Hair

- Hair should be neat, should not be of excessive length, and should not hang below the eyebrows.
- Guidelines for wearing braids: All hair must be braided, not just parts or pieces. Braids must have no unnatural colors and may not use accessories (e.g., no beads or head bands).
- Well-groomed beards, mustaches, and/or sideburns are allowed. No designs engraved in facial hair are permitted.
- Non-conformity will result in the student being sent home until the issue is resolved.

Hats/Head Coverings: Hats, wave caps, earmuffs, skullies, “do rags,” bandanas, sweatbands, hoods, and other head coverings should not be on one’s head. They should be removed (entering) and put back on (leaving) at the school door. Likewise, they should be stored in their lockers during the school day.

For men in Western Christian culture, the hat has long been a symbol communicating respect, e.g., taking one’s hat off to ask a favor (asking “hat in hand”) or tipping one’s hat in respect to a lady. Still today for men, the most common practice is to remove one’s hat when inside a building. For women, such items as hairnets, bandanas, etc., are part of grooming and not worn in public. Accordingly, hats and head coverings, including hoods, should never be worn inside the school and other buildings.

Boys’ Jewelry: The following are allowed: one traditional earring per ear, one ring per hand, one necklace, one watch, and one bracelet may be worn. No jewelry that is distracting to the teacher or other students may be worn (e.g., necklaces with large medallions or other large symbols).

Girls’ Jewelry: No jewelry that is distracting to the teacher or other students may be worn (e.g., large medallions, countercultural symbols). Earrings may not exceed two inches in diameter/length. All must be appropriate to school and a Christian community. Facial piercing is not allowed (band-aids may not be used to cover piercings).

Make-Up: All make-up should be simple and appropriate for school.

Pants: *“Dockers-style dress slacks (pants) with four real pockets must be worn in solid tan (beige) or navy blue color only. The waist of the pants must be at the student’s waist; no underclothing may be visible. Sagging or excessively tight pants are not acceptable* (Skinny jeans/pants are NOT allowed and are determined by 2 inches of loose material at the cuff). Pants are to be properly fitted in waist and length. Pants must be of a size that makes it possible to tuck in the uniform shirt. Cargo pants are NOT acceptable. Corduroys are acceptable and all dress pants must have a front or side zipper. Stretch-pants types, made from Lycra, spandex, or a polyester-stretch blend are not acceptable. Leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, jeans, draw-string pants, pants with elastic at waist or ankle, sweat pants, pajama pants, or tights are not acceptable.

Shirts: *Only plain white dress shirts/blouses (long or short sleeve) are allowed.* Shirts must be completely tucked in at all times. Long-sleeve, solid red, white, or navy-blue turtlenecks are permitted with the school sweater or vest.

Ties: *Gentlemen must wear a dress tie or bowtie as part of the school uniform. Ties must be tied at the neck.*

Shoes: *Only black, brown, and navy blue dress shoes or black, brown, tan and navy blue Sperry style/casual shoes may be worn. Absolutely no athletic shoes may be worn as part of the school uniform. Shoes must be worn at all times.* The following are NOT part of the uniform: Knee-high, calf-high, ankle-high, UGG-style or Timberland boots. **NO** sandals, Crocs, slippers/house shoes (for inside use), moccasins, or flip flops may be worn (standard shoes have heels). All shoes with laces must be laced and TIED in the traditional fashion. No heel greater than 1.5 inches may be worn.

Socks: Socks must be worn traditionally at all times. Visible leg warmers, leggings, and thermal underwear are not acceptable.

Undershirts: *White undershirt/under tops only.* No thermal underwear or printed decals may be visible under a student’s shirt or as part of the dress code.