At Colorado Springs Charter Academy, we believe in fostering an environment that maximizes our children's ability to learn and grow. A very important part of this is our commitment to provide a uniform policy that promotes equality, modesty, unity, respect for self, and respect for others. Our guidelines not only fulfill these goals but also minimize cost to parents by keeping the uniforms simple while still offering versatility. Please read the following uniform policy. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the Head of School. This policy is not intended to be exhaustive in terms of what students "cannot" wear. Rather, what is listed is what students can wear; anything else is prohibited.

Uniforms for all CSCA students are mandatory. Uniforms must be worn during school hours, including field trips, except under special circumstances or as announced. For more information on why uniforms have a positive influence on the learning environment, please refer to the CSCA charter located on our website.

Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their children arrive at school in proper uniform. Within the school, the dress code will be enforced by the classroom teachers, other staff members, and CSCA administrators, who will make final decisions regarding uniform issues. Cheerful, consistent compliance with the uniform policy by all is expected.

Parents can help their students by being aware of the school's dress code and checking their students on the way out of the house. When parents sign the enrollment contract, they implicitly support the kind of community spirit that is represented by the dress code. If parents disagree with segments of the dress code, they are urged to speak directly with the administration.

Any staff member may report a uniform violation to the student's homeroom teacher. As a general rule, female faculty will address female students, and male faculty will address male students. All violations will be communicated to parents. The administration is provided latitude in assigning consequences.

If a student violates the uniform policy in a manner that cannot be immediately corrected, the student may be asked to call her/his parent or guardian to bring an appropriate uniform item(s) that will allow the student to comply with uniform policies.

CSCA has two uniform vendors, listed below. Both of these vendors refund a percentage of all purchases to CSCA, which we use to help pay for uniform scholarships. Please make sure you supply our school codes at their websites or when ordering over the telephone. Uniforms may also be purchased elsewhere, as long as they align with the uniform policy.


## General Rules

COLORS

HATS
HAIR

MAKE-UP, NAILS

School colors for polo shirts are navy blue, red, white, and forest green.
For pants, school colors are khaki and navy blue.
Hats, scarves, and bandanas are not allowed in the school building.
Hair style and colors must be tasteful and well-groomed in nature.
Hair may be dyed in naturally occurring hair colors only.
Girls may wear bows 5" or less across, headbands less than 2" wide with no ears, and nondistracting hair clips. Bandanas are not considered hair accessories. No hair tinsel/glitter strands.

K - $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students may not wear make-up. $\mathrm{K}-6^{\text {th }}$ grade girls may wear clear, pastel, or nude colored nail polish.
$7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade girls may wear neutral make-up. $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade girls may wear any color polish. Fake nails and false eyelashes are prohibited for all students.

ACCESSORIES Body piercings and tattoos (even temporary) are prohibited. One necklace may be worn if unseen and kept inside shirt. Pins are prohibited. Students may wear one tasteful watch (no smart watches). $\mathrm{K}-6^{\text {th }}$ grade students may wear 1 ring or bracelet at a time. $K-6^{\text {th }}$ grade may wear up to two sets of post earrings (no hoops or dangling earrings).
$7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade may wear up to two rings per hand, 2 bracelets per wrist, and up to two sets of any style earrings, no larger than 1 ".

## BELTS

OUTERWEAR

SWEATER/
CARDIGANS

## HEMS

Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts (all pants and shorts must have belt loops). Buckles must be plain. Belts are optional for Kindergartners.

Outerwear, other than approved uniform items, may not be worn in the classroom. Fleece jackets and hoodies in school colors that are solid without designs or with the school logo are acceptable in class.

Sweaters in school colors (no patterns) can be worn over approved uniforms.

The hemline in jumpers and skirts, and shorts must not be higher than 2 " above the knee (the front and back of the knee).

PANTS/SHIRTS Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist and must have belt loops. The hem of the pants may not extend past the heels. Pants, shorts, and shirts must fit modestly, with a $1-2$ " ease, not too tight or loose. No denim or jeggings. Pant pockets must be on the inside of the pants. All shirts must be polo style with collars. Skirts and dresses/jumpers may only be worn by girls.

SOCKS, TIGHTS

## FOOTWEAR

## NEATNESS

Socks, and tights must be black, navy, red, tan, or white and must be worn at all times. Socks must match each other. Girls may, along with their skirts and dresses, wear full-length nylon stockings or leggings in school colors (must be solid), for modesty.

Matching shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes may have no more than 1" heel. Crocs, sandals, and open-toed shoes are prohibited. Boots are not allowed for all-day wear, although snow boots may be worn to school as long as they are changed before entering the classroom. Shoes may not have lights or wheels. If shoes have laces, the laces must be tied and neat.

Students must present a groomed appearance. Shirts must be tucked in. Uniforms may not have holes or stains. Undergarments must be worn, but not seen, even through clothing.

## Color

| Item | Style | Khaki | Navy | Red | White | Green |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Skirt | Pleated |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Straight, Long |  |  |  |  |  |
| Skort | Chino, Long or Short |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jumper | Two-Pleat Front |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pants | Pleated Front (3-5 pockets; no cargo pants) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Flat Front (3-5 pockets; no cargo pants) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shorts | Pleated Front |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shirt | Oxford, Long or Short |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Polo, Long or Short |  |  |  |  |  |
| Turtleneck | Full or Mock Collar |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sweater | Cardigan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fleece Jacket / Hoodie | Full zipper in red or blue school colors only |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sweatshirt | Crew or Hooded Zip-Front <br> School colors only |  |  |  |  |  |
| Socks and Tights | Khaki, navy, red, white, or black |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nylon <br> Stockings and Leggings | Plain (no designs), must be full length |  |  |  |  |  |
| Belt | Solid or Braided |  | Black | Brown |  |  |

