

COLORADO SPRINGS CHARTER ACADEMY

Uniform Policy

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 Dean. 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. When possible, 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.

Uniforms may also be purchased at a variety of stores, as long as the items align with the uniform policy. PTO also operates the Thrifty Lynx uniform shop where all items are \$2. Gently used uniforms can also be traded for store credit. The Thrifty Lynx shop is open at school events or emails can be sent to cscalynx.pto@gmail.com to request a shopping appointment.

General Rules

COLORS	School colors for polo shirts are navy blue, red, and forest green. For pants, school colors are khaki and navy blue.
SHIRTS	All shirts must be polo style with collars, long enough to tuck in, and must fit modestly; not too tight or loose and must be tucked in at all times.
HATS	Hats, scarves, and bandanas are not allowed during school hours.
HAIR	Hair style must be well-groomed in nature. Hair may be dyed in naturally occurring hair colors only and may not include hair tinsel or glitter strands. Girls may wear bows 5” or less across, headbands less than 2” wide with no adornment, and non-distracting hair clips.
MAKE-UP	Nail color should not be distracting, such as black, have designs and patterns or both. K - 5 th grade students may not wear make-up.
NAILS	K - 5 th grade girls may wear clear, pastel, or nude colored nail polish. 6th - 8th grade girls may wear neutral make-up. 6th - 8th grade girls may wear any color polish that is not black. <u>Fake nails and false eyelashes are prohibited for all students.</u>
ACCESSORIES	Facial body piercings and tattoos (even temporary) are prohibited. One non-distracting necklace may be worn. Pins are prohibited. Students may wear one watch (no smart watches). K – 5 th grade students may wear 1 ring or bracelet at a time. K – 5 th grade may wear up to two sets of post earrings (no hoops or dangling earrings). 6th - 8th grade may wear up to two rings per hand, two bracelets per wrist, and up to two sets of any style earrings, no larger than 1”.
BELTS	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	Outerwear may not be worn in buildings and must be in the process of being removed before entering a classroom. This includes hoodies (pullover or zip-up) or fleece jackets – with or without the CSCA logo.

**SWEATERS/
CARDIGANS**

Sweaters and cardigans in school colors (no patterns) can be worn over approved uniforms. Sweatshirts with no hood and no pockets and are the approved school colors may be worn over polos in the classroom.

HEMS

The hemline in jumpers, skirts, and shorts must visually touch the top of the knee or longer above the knee (the front and back of the knee).

PANTS/SHORTS

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 and shorts must fit modestly, not too tight or loose. No denim or jeggings. Pockets must be on the inside of the pants. Skirts and dresses/jumpers may only be worn by girls and must visually touch the top of the knee or longer.

**SOCKS
TIGHTS**

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).

FOOTWEAR
































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. On PE days, non-marking tennis shoes must be worn for safety reasons.

NEATNESS

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.

SPIRIT WEAR

On approved spirit wear days, club t-shirts, non-hooded or pocketed sweatshirts, team sport uniforms, and CSCA approved logo shirts may be worn. All spirit wear should have a groomed appearance and be long enough to be tucked in.

Item	Style	Color			
		Khaki	Navy	Red	Green
Skirt	Pleated				
					
	Straight, Long				
Skort	Chino, Long or Short				
Jumper	Two-Pleat Front				
Pants	Pleated Front				
	Flat Front				
Shorts	Pleated Front				
Shirts	Polo, Long or Short				
Turtleneck	Full or Mock Collar				
Sweater	Cardigan				
Fleece Jacket / Hoody	Full Zipper in red or blue school colors only				
Sweatshirt	Crew or Hooded Zip-Front red or blue school colors only				
Socks and Tights					
Nylon Stockings	Plain (no designs)	Neutral			
Belt	Solid or Braided	Black or Brown			