



# Appearance Code

## 2024-25

### **APPEARANCE CODE (GRADES JK-12)**

The following expectations have been established to promote learning, ensure safety, support community and align with the mission of Charlotte Christian School. One practical way for students to demonstrate the core values (Love God, Seek Truth, Pursue Excellence, Show Kindness and Walk Humbly) is to dress in accordance with the school's appearance code.

Every student has value and worth as an image bearer, which is not determined by outward appearance or performance. In the context of the school community, there are times when personal preferences for style or attire are set aside, or sacrificed, for the sake of honoring one another, submitting to authority, and living in accordance with the will of God. Meeting the expectations below, therefore, provides opportunities to exercise self-discipline, discernment, responsibility and ultimately worship.

There is no perfect appearance code, and these expectations have been selected to allow students flexibility in exercising personal choice while pursuing an atmosphere of professionalism in a college-prep environment. The guidelines must be reasonably attainable for students and allow for consistent accountability. When specific items are identified as permissible or not, both students and school personnel are empowered to understand and manage their responsibilities related to the appearance code accordingly. Items not permitted may be appropriate for another context.

The school reserves the right to interpret and/or update the appearance code as new styles or trends emerge, and additional clarification is needed. The final determination as to whether or not a student's appearance meets the defined expectations rests with the school administration. Students not complying with the appearance code may be directed to make corrections, even if another item must be provided from home. Additionally, disciplinary consequences may be assigned. These measures are not punitive, but rather consistent with an equitable and fair approach to maintaining consistent expectations for everyone.

### **LOWER SCHOOL GUIDELINES**

#### **Clothing**

1. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. Clothing with holes (intended or not) and/or patches are not permitted.
2. Girls in grades JK-4 may wear dresses and skirts. **All dresses, skirts or shorts must be long enough to reach the tip of the student's fingers when standing with their hands by their side.** Please be sure shorts are always worn under dresses and skirts. Girls' shirts must have straps measuring two inches. No strapless tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, halter tops, crop tops, workout/yoga tank tops or tube tops may be worn.
3. Students are permitted to wear collared shirts, T-shirts or sweatshirts any day of the week that align with the school's guiding principles listed above.
4. Students in grades JK-4 may wear athletic shorts that are **long enough to reach the tip of the student's fingers when standing with their hands by their side.**
5. Jeans, khaki-type slacks, dress pants and capris are permitted. Leggings, jeggings and yoga pants may be worn by girls if they provide appropriate coverage.
6. No lounge, pajama wear or uniforms/jerseys unless permitted for costume days.
7. On special occasions (Field Day, Whitewater Center) students are allowed to wear bathing suits. Boys must wear a T-shirt with their swimsuit. Girls must either wear a one-piece or a tankini with no midriff exposed.
8. There may be special costume days when the appearance code is modified with teacher/administrator approval.

#### **General**

1. Shoes must be closed-toed and closed-heeled. **No Crocs or sandals are permitted.**
2. Hats, sweatshirt hoods, bandanas, headphones/earpods or sunglasses are not to be worn in the school buildings during the academic day.



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3. The ONLY visible pierced jewelry allowed is earrings on girls. Boys may not wear earrings at any time, either to school or to any school event.
4. Temporary or permanent tattoos (doodling on arms, legs, etc.) must not be visible.
5. Hair must be of modest style, well-kept and neatly groomed. Extreme hairstyles, excessive hair length (below the shoulders) and unnatural hair colors will not be permitted.

### MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL GUIDELINES

#### Pants, Shorts, Skirts and Dresses

- **Permitted**

- Jeans, slacks and dress casual pants and shorts
- Skirts, dresses and shorts must reach the tip of the student's fingers when standing with their hands by their side.
- Dresses with slits are only permitted if the top of the slit meets the above requirement.

- **Not Permitted**

- Athletic attire, including athletic joggers, leggings, yoga pants, basketball shorts, running shorts, sweatpants, track pants and tennis skirts.
- Pajama pants, onesies, fleece and flannel pants.

#### Shirts

- **Permitted**

- Solid or patterned tops with crew necks and collars.
- Only Charlotte Christian School or college names and logos on T-shirts and sweatshirts.
- Logos on collared shirts must be three square inches or less.
- Shirt sleeves must cover both shoulders and the top of the arm at all times.

- **Not Permitted**

- Shirts with additional graphics or writing.
- Any necklines lower than the top of the underarms.
- Sleeveless shirts.
- Shirts which reveal any part of the back, front or sides between the neckline and the waist.
- Deep scoop neck, deep-V and wide neck styles as well as strapless, one-shoulder, racerback, shoulder straps, backless, low back, cropped, oversized armhole and halter styles.
- Shirts made of sheer or crocheted fabric unless a shirt meeting the above requirements is worn underneath.
- Shirts which have been cut, tied or twisted.

**Note:** Shirts that are covered by a jacket, hoodie, sweater, sweatshirt, cardigan or another top must also meet appearance code guidelines if the outerwear is removed.

#### General

- **Permitted**

- Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
- College T-shirts or sweatshirts and collared shirt logos (less than three square inches) must align with the school's guiding principles.
- Facial hair is allowed but must be neatly groomed.
- Earrings are permitted for girls only.
- Shoes must be worn at all times, both indoors and outdoors.



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- **Not Permitted**

- Clothing with holes or cutouts.
- Clothing with graphics or writing (see exceptions for shirts only above).
- Undergarments may not be visible at any time.
- Form-fitting styles such as bodycon dresses.
- Hairstyles or colors that cause undue attention.
- Hats, hoods, bandanas, headphones/earpods and sunglasses may not be worn in school buildings during the academic day. Faculty may give permission for students to use earpods for academic purposes.
- Piercings except earrings for girls. Students arriving with a visible piercing may be required to remove jewelry no matter how recent the piercing occurred.
- Visible tattoos or drawings on the skin.
- Athletic slides, slippers or rubber flip-flops.

### Special Occasion Guidelines

There are times when students will be asked to dress up for events such as performances, promotions, special assemblies or presentations.

- Students may wear dress pants or nice jeans (no rips or holes; no shorts).
- Female students may wear dresses and skirts that reach the tip of their fingers when standing with their hands by their side.
- All necklines must be above the top of the underarms.
- Only dresses that fully cover the front, sides and back are permitted.
- Shoulder straps must be at least two inches wide; one-shoulder, halter, and strapless dresses are not permitted.
- Male students may wear a collared shirt or a shirt and tie. Shirts must be tucked in.
- Shoes are expected to be in good repair and allow students to walk comfortably and safely throughout the event. Flip-flops, slippers and Crocs are not permitted.
- Guidelines and expectations for upper school dances can be located in the upper school office.

### Spirit Day Attire

Charlotte Christian School has a long-standing tradition of celebrating special events such as annual spiritual retreats, pink-out day and themed dress up days during homecoming week. During such times, the following exceptions to the appearance code may be allowed.

- Sweatpants and athletic joggers are permitted.
- Shirts with professional/college team logos are permitted.
- Themed dress up day shirts must cover the back, front, and sides completely from the neckline to the waist and align with the school's guiding principles.
- Pajamas are not permitted unless communicated by the school administration.

### Athletic/Life Fitness Attire

- Life Fitness attire may not be worn outside of a student's scheduled Life Fitness class.
- Leggings, sweatpants, athletic joggers and track pants are permitted in Life Fitness classes only.
- All shorts must have at least a five-inch minimum inseam.
- T-shirts are required and must fully cover the back, front and sides at all times.
- Solid or patterned tops with crew necks are permitted.
- Graphics and logos other than Charlotte Christian School or college names are not permitted.
- Undergarments may not be visible at any time.
- Students are expected to wear shirts at all times, on and off campus, during practices, contests and events. Notable exceptions are water activities for athletics (see Swimwear below).



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### Swimwear

- Shirts are expected to be worn at all times, unless in a swimming area.
- Male swim trunks must have a five-inch minimum inseam.
- Female swimsuits are limited to modest one-piece or tankini styles, which fully cover the midriff, chest and bottom.

Examples of appearance code attire can be found [here](#).

Revised as of 6.5.24



# MS/US Appearance Code

2024-25 School Year



# Why has the appearance code changed?

- Our intention with the revised appearance code is to return to a more formal, pre-COVID dress standard that is easier to interpret and enforce consistently.
- While detailed, the following appearance code is meant to streamline expectations and enhance clarity regarding acceptable student dress.
- Our goal is to maximize instructional time and strengthen student-teacher relationships by reducing dress code disruptions and infractions.



# General Guidelines



## PERMITTED Items

- Clothing must be clean and in good repair.
- College T-shirts or sweatshirts and collared shirt logos must align with the school's guiding principles.
- Facial hair is allowed but must be neatly groomed.
- Earrings are permitted for girls only.
- Shoes must be worn at all times, both indoors and outdoors.





# NOT PERMITTED Items

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# Pants, Shorts, Skirts and Dresses

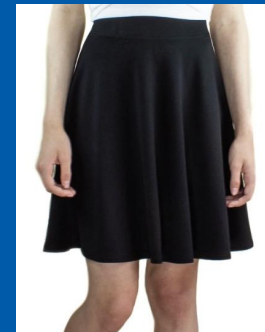
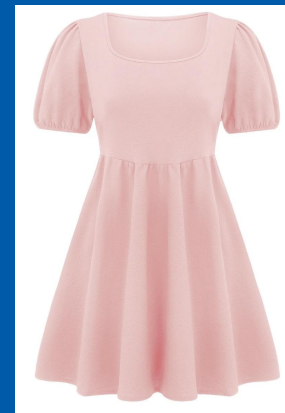


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# Examples of PERMITTED Pants, Shorts, Skirts, & Dresses





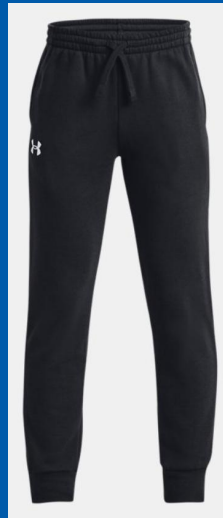
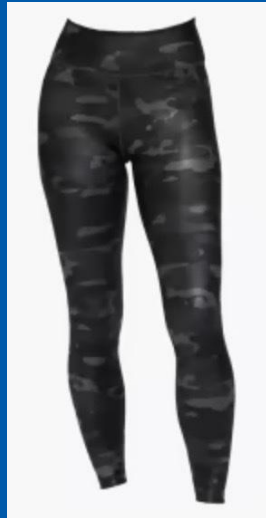
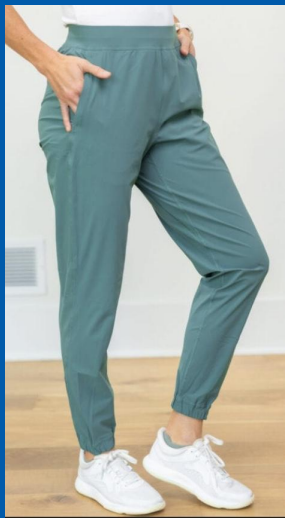
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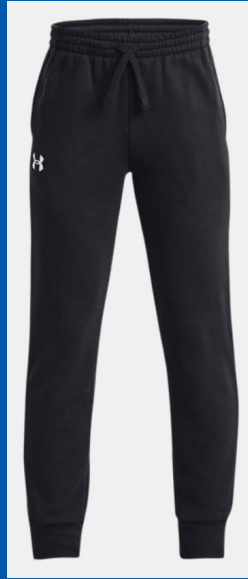
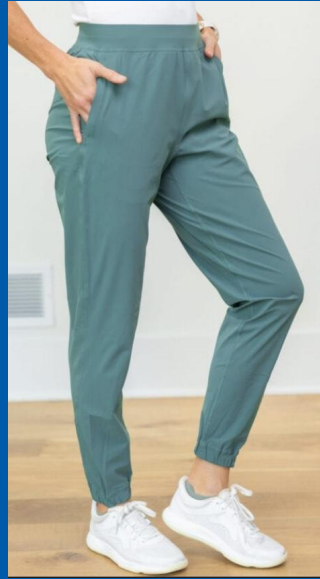
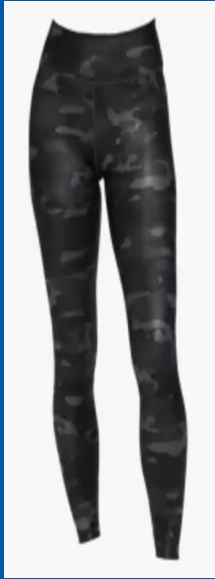


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# Athletic/Life Fitness Attire PERMITTED in Athletic Facilities Only







# NOT PERMITTED Athletic/Life Fitness Attire





# Examples of 5" female athletic shorts

- Girls' Adidas shorts
- Women's Running shorts
- Women's basketball shorts
- Old Navy
- Lululemon



# Spirit Day Attire

Spiritual Retreats, Pink-Out Day, &  
Themed Dress Up Days

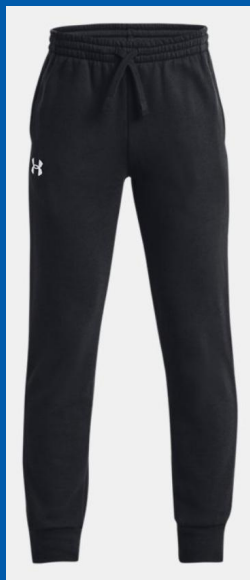


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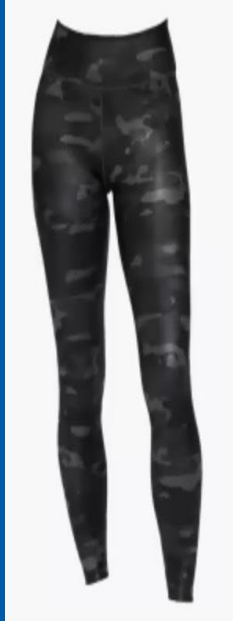


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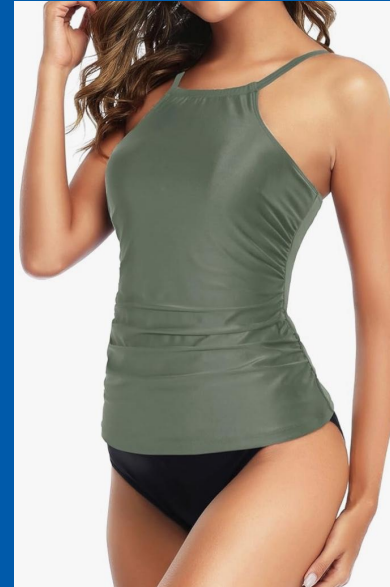
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