

## 2024–25 Upper School Dress Code

The Upper School Dress Code reflects our commitment to the Charlotte Country Day School Mission and Affirmation of Community. The dress code helps us to create an inclusive learning environment where all students feel comfortable, respected, and focused on their academic pursuits. Practicing with our students how to balance self-expression and dressing for a school environment helps to prepare them for life beyond Country Day.

The Upper School requires students to attend school properly attired in clothes that are neat, clean, and in good repair. We ask that parents and caregivers act as partners with the school to guide students in making sound and reasonable choices about what to wear to school. Common sense and discretion should dictate student choice of school clothes. **When a student is in doubt about whether a particular outfit or piece of clothing is within the dress code, it is the student's responsibility to seek input from the Dean's Office *before* wearing it.**

If clothing is not aligned with our mission, the student will be asked to change.

### Dress Code Expectations

- All clothing must provide appropriate coverage and fit.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Sheer clothing and exposed midsections are not permitted.
- Clothing must appropriately cover the chest, back, and sides.
- Tattered items are considered out of dress code. Small holes or rips are acceptable.
- T-shirts and collared shirts, regardless of fabric, may be worn every day.
- Leggings paired with a top that provides appropriate 360° coverage of the hips, front, and backside may be worn every day.
- Joggers made of structured fabric with a tapered or cuffed ankle may be worn every day.
- **Athletic shorts, athletic skirts, tank tops, sweatpants, and pajamas are not permitted at school.**
- Clothing referencing political parties, candidates, or slogans is not permitted.
- Clothing displaying offensive logos, labels, and phrases or suggesting sex, alcohol, or drugs is strictly off limits.
- Shoes must be worn at all times, both indoors and outdoors.
- Baseball hats, knit hats, or hoods are not permitted indoors; religious head coverings are always permitted.

Appropriate school dress and appearance do not necessarily coincide with current trends and fashions. The Dean's Office will decide whether a student's dress meets school expectations, even if not specifically covered in this dress code. Students will receive a Teams message notifying them of a dress code infraction and can seek out their Class Dean with questions. On a first infraction, students will be issued a warning. Subsequent infractions will earn a detention and may warrant further consequences.

### Dress-Up Days

On certain days throughout the year, students are asked to dress in more formal attire. These include special events, such as JK-12 community gatherings, ceremonies, and visits from distinguished guests. On these days, attire includes a shirt and tie, dress, skirt, or dress slacks with an appropriate top. Denim is not permitted on dress-up days.

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T-Shirts, regardless of fabric, may be worn every day (except for Dress-Up Days).



Small holes and rips in jeans are permitted. Large rips and fully exposed areas (knees, thighs, etc.) are not permitted.



Clothing must appropriately cover the chest, back, and sides. Undergarments should not be visible.



Structured athletic shorts with a button and fly are permitted everyday. Other athletic shorts are not permitted.



Hoodies and sweatshirts are permitted everyday.



Shorts and skirts must provide appropriate coverage and fit. Undergarments or the lack thereof should not be visible.



Crop tops, tank tops, exposed midsections, and sheer clothing are not permitted.



Athletic skirts (i.e. shorts built in) are not permitted.



Sweatpants, pajamas, and other sleepwear are not permitted.



Joggers (with structured fabric and tapered or cuffed ankles) and leggings (with appropriate coverage of hips, front, and backside) are permitted every day.