



## COEUR D'ALENE CHARTER ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY

**ANY JUDGMENTS REGARDING CLOTHING OR APPEARANCE WILL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

### General Guidelines

All students will arrive on campus in uniform and stay in uniform until they leave campus for the day. Parents and students are expected to know and follow the uniform policy.

### Commentary on the Expectations of the Uniform Policy:

School uniforms are an important facet of our school culture and an integral part of our mission and purpose. A distinctive uniform is a unifying factor within our school community and underscores the Academy's seriousness of purpose by encouraging students to think of their attire as an aspect of their work. In addition, neatness and modesty are important aspects of the Charter school environment. The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy is a college preparatory school, and we want our students to distinguish themselves by their academic performance, their citizenship, their behavior, and their attitude and effort on a day-to-day basis. Additionally, we strive to eliminate the self-consciousness and social competition which popular fashion trends tend to promote.

Clothing or accessories that are worn with the obvious intent of being different or unique are not in keeping with the purpose of the uniform policy.

The Charter Academy uniform colors are white, navy blue, and black. Samples can be seen in the school offices if clarification is necessary.

All uniform items must fit properly.

### **TEST FOR APPROPRIATENESS (TFA)**

***If something about your dress or physical appearance causes you to stand out from other students, it will be considered in violation of the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy uniform policy.***

### Uniform Violations

It is the responsibility of each student to be in uniform while on campus. Students who are out of uniform will not be allowed to remain in classes until the violations are corrected. It is the family's responsibility to provide proper uniform attire for any child out of uniform while at school. The school does not provide uniform clothing. Students who miss class to correct a uniform violation will receive an unexcused tardy or absence.

Students with repeated uniform violations will be referred to the vice principal for disciplinary action.

## Specific Uniform Requirements

### Pants

- Khaki, navy blue, or black casual dress pants that reach at least the ankle bone when standing.

The following are **not** allowed:

- Denim
- Cargo Pants or pants with pockets on the legs
- Jogger Pants with elastic at the ankles
- Capris
- Jeggings
- Leggings, or tights worn as pants.

### Shorts

- Khaki, navy blue, or black shorts that are not shorter than one hand width above the knee and do not fall below the knee.

### Skirts

- Khaki, navy blue, black, or **approved** Charter plaid skirts\* that reach at least the top of the kneecap when standing.  
*\*Charter plaid is only available through Dennis Uniforms.*

### Undergarments

- Undergarments must not be visible, with the exception of white undershirts showing at the neckline.
- Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.

### Shirts

- White, navy blue, or black short/long-sleeved, collared polo shirts, with an Academy logo
- Students may wear white, navy blue, or black button-up dress shirts or blouses with or without an approved Academy logo; dress shirts must be worn tucked in.
- Shirts may not have any logos showing other than the approved Academy logo.
- Solid-colored navy blue or black blazers may be worn only over button-up dress shirts.
- Solid-colored or striped ties may be worn with dress shirts providing they are worn with the knot at the shirt's collar. (see TFA)

### Jewelry/Accessories

- See TFA
- Scarves and hats may not be worn inside school buildings

### Hair

- Hair must be a natural hair color
- Hair accessories must pass the TFA

### Shoes/Socks

- Flip-flops, sliders, slippers, or any footwear without a fixed back strap are not allowed. This includes Croc-style sandals, whose back straps are not fixed.
- Socks must be navy blue, white, or black and may not reach higher than the bottom of the knee.
- Boots may be worn only with long pants or skirts. Boots taller than standard "cowboy boots" may not be worn unless covered by pants.

### Outerwear

- **Non-uniform outerwear is NOT allowed in school buildings during the school day.**
- Micro-fleece or soft-shell jackets, with or without the approved Academy logo must be navy blue or black.
  - "Sherpa" or "sheep"-style fleece are not uniform
- Crew-neck sweatshirts must be navy blue, white, or black, and must have the approved Academy logo on the upper left chest, or a large Academy logo silk-screened in the center of the chest.
- Pea Coats must be navy blue or black. They do not require an Academy logo.
- Any outerwear with a hood is not allowed.
- Uniform and non-uniform outerwear may not be worn tied around the waist or hanging on shoulders.

### PE Uniforms

- Athletic grey short or long-sleeved shirt with new navy PE logo approximately 8.5" on center front.
- Navy or black athletic shorts or sweatpants. No logo required on shorts.
- Athletic shoes are required for PE classes.

### Variations

- **Approved** letter jackets are considered part of the school uniform (get approval prior to purchase!)
- Non-uniform Charter 'spirit wear', and clothing from school teams or activities can be worn with permission only.
- Performance attire, as defined by the teacher and approved by the administration, may be worn on performance days.
- Clothing for special class projects, as defined by the teacher and approved by the administration, may be worn on the day of the event.
- Closed-toed shoes are required for some classes; teachers have discretion in requiring certain kinds of shoes for safety reasons.