

2024-2025 CLA STUDENT DRESS CODE

Below is a listing of our specific dress code requirements:

1. **Tops:** Collared shirts or t-shirts. (No low cut shirts, no tank tops. Exception for school sports uniforms.)
 - a. **All tops must be long enough to cover your midriff (the region of the front of the body between the chest and the waist, *stomach*).**
2. **Pants/Shorts:** School appropriate pants and shorts are permitted. Shorts must be no shorter than 2-3 inches above the top of the knee.
 - a. No pajama bottoms, biker shorts, leggings or ripped pants. Leggings may be worn under a dress, but not in isolation. No sagging pants.
3. All undergarments must be covered.
4. No vulgar, profane language, or inappropriate (not school appropriate) advertisement /words on clothing; No gang affiliated clothing.
5. No hats or hoodies may be worn inside the buildings. Hats are permitted at recess for sun protection.
6. Students must wear shoes at all times. Tennis shoes should be worn for P.E.
 - a. Shoes must have a strap on the back. No slippers/slides, flip-flops, metal cleats or roller shoes.
7. **No headphones. All cell phones and headphones are to be turned off and put away during school hours. [Revised AESD Policy](#)**

The Purpose of CLA's Dress Code Policy is to:

Enhance Safety: Proper clothing and attire helps to ensure that students are safe during physical activities and reduce the risk of injury.

Maintain Respectful Atmosphere: Proper attire helps to reduce instances of harassment and maintains a respectful atmosphere.

Minimize Conflict: By avoiding improper or offensive clothing, it helps prevent altercations that may arise from inappropriate attire. This creates a more harmonious environment for all students.

Minimize Distractions: maintain a focus on learning and academic activities.

Focus on Character and Personality: Students can express their individuality through their character, personality, and achievements. Violating the dress code shifts our focus.

Future Leaders: CLA Students will be leading the future! Maintaining appropriate dress helps to prepare students for future professional settings and the importance of appropriate attire. This fosters a sense of discipline and respect for the organization and its expectations.

**The final decision will rest with administration as far as appropriate dress is concerned.*

All staff need to hold students accountable to the school dress code.

All staff members must also take care to follow our professional school dress code. We need to always model our expectations for students.