



CARLISLE

Student Dress Code

2018-2019

Student Dress Code for 2018-19 for Grades 3 - 12

The following dress code guidelines are designed to let parents and students know what dress is acceptable for all school-related events and activities. Carlisle students are expected to exhibit neatness in their appearance and use good taste in their choice of clothes at all times. All of us associated with Carlisle School take great pride in our students and in our school. Representing the school is both an honor and a responsibility that we all should take seriously.

Accordingly, we have established guidelines that provide for neatness and a sense of pride without taking away all sense of individuality and choice. We have endeavored to set standards that are age-appropriate. We are sure we can rely upon parents, students and faculty to work together to continue our efforts to ensure that our students dress in a manner that reflects the mission and character of Carlisle School. At Carlisle we are preparing students to be the leaders of tomorrow.

While on campus, students are expected to remain in dress code until:

- time to change into a costume or uniform for a co-curricular activity.
- they leave campus.
- they join the After-School program.

Dress Code guidelines apply for any school trip (including dinner/shopping, etc. for students living in international residence houses).

I. Dress Code Guidelines for the Entire School Year

There are no longer any warm/cold weather exceptions to the dress code. Students are expected to use good judgment in relation to seasonal weather.

Clothing worn under any outerwear, such as sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, must be within dress code guidelines. Clothing should always be clean and neatly pressed, not ripped, unsightly or ostentatious.

Footwear

- Dress shoes are appropriate at all times.
- Sneakers are appropriate except with representative dress.
- For safety reasons, all footwear with laces must be laced up.
- For safety reasons, women's shoes must have no higher than a 2" heel.
- Flip-flop type or sandal-like footwear must have leather upper and/or sole.

Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts and dresses must fall no shorter than 6" above the center of the knee.
- No spaghetti straps, backless, or tube-topped dresses are permitted. Clothing must not reveal cleavage or expose the midriff or underclothing.

Pants and Shorts

Males and Females

- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist, not bagging or sagging.
- They must not have holes, tears, splits, or excessive ornamentation (i.e., chains, hand-drawings).
- Sweatpants may not be worn.
- Athletic shorts may not be worn.

Females

- Leggings, Jeggings, Yoga Pants and Tights may only be worn under dress or skirt of appropriate length.
- Capri (mid-calf length) pants are allowed.

Shirts

- Collared shirt, long or short sleeved turtleneck shirt, blouse, Carlisle t-shirt, or sweater are allowed.
- No sleeveless shirts are allowed.
- Messages and/or logos on any article of clothing must not be profane, vulgar, indecent, or promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any product or lifestyle that would negatively reflect on Carlisle School or the school environment.
- Messages and/or logos on any article of clothing must not be of a controversial or disruptive nature.
- Shirt waistline must be long enough to be tucked in and not expose the midriff, back or underwear when reaching or bending.
- Shirts must not expose cleavage.
- No t-shirts may be worn except Carlisle t-shirts.
- All sweatshirts/hoodies must be school-approved Carlisle Logo or Carlisle brand item.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Males' hair is not to be worn below the base of the collar.
- Males may not wear ponytails.
- Ostentatious (non- natural) coloring or style is not permitted.
- Males must be clean-shaven for Commencement (graduation).

Facial Hair/Facial Ornamentation

- Facial Hair: For males, well groomed facial hair is permitted.
- Males/Females may wear one earring in each ear on regular school days only (males may not wear earrings at Closing Exercises and Commencement).
- No nose piercing, except for verifiable religious reasons.

Hats/Sunglasses

- Hats and all other forms of head covers are not permitted inside during the school day, except for verifiable religious reasons.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside during the school day.

II. Representative Dress

The following dress is required when students are participating in activities of a more formal nature at, or away from, school. Such activities include all sports contests, concerts, special events, sports banquets, closing exercises, field trips, etc.

Males

- Khaki dress slacks - plain or pleated front. (No cargo pants, carpenter pants, or blue jeans.)
- Navy Carlisle logo polo shirt.
- Dress shoes (no sneakers).
- Dark (crew length) socks.
- A belt must be worn.
- Shirts must be tucked in.

Females

- Khaki skirt or dress slacks.
- Navy Carlisle logo polo shirt.
- Dress shoes with no higher than 2" heels (no sneakers).
- If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- Shirts must be tucked in.

III. Closing Exercises Dress

NO SHORTS, HIGH-HEELED SHOES OR SNEAKERS, PLEASE!

Males

- **Grade 5, 8, and 12:** Navy sport coat, white dress shirt, khaki dress slacks, Carlisle tie, dark socks, and dress shoes.
- **Grades 9, 10 and 11:** White dress shirt and Carlisle tie, khaki dress slacks, dark socks and dress shoes. No navy sport coat for underclassmen permitted on these occasions.
- **Grades PS-4:** Representative Dress

Females

- **Grade 5, 8 - 12:** Dress or skirt and blouse, dress shoes or sandals.
- **Grades PS-4:** Representative Dress

IV. Commencement Ceremony - Seniors

Senior Males

- Blue blazer, school badge, Carlisle tie, white dress pants, white dress shirt, black dress shoes and dark socks.
- The school will furnish boutonnieres.
- No earrings allowed in either ear.
- Males must be clean-shaven for graduation.
- Males may not wear earrings at Closing Exercises and Commencement.

Senior Females

- Bright white formal (Sunday) dress of appropriate length (no spaghetti straps – no strapless) with matching white shoes (no higher than 2" heels).
- Any female not in proper attire will be given a white sweater and be required to wear it.
- The school will furnish flowers.

V. Athletic Practice Attire

- All participants must wear an athletic t-shirt. Shorts, skirts, socks, and appropriate footwear must also be worn.

VI. Game Day Dress (Middle/Upper School Athletes)

- Representative Dress, as outlined in item III.

VII. Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

Any questions concerning a student's attire are to be sent to the director. The administrator will determine appropriateness of the response to the violation. If the clothing worn by the student is deemed inappropriate, one of the following actions may be taken:

- The student may be directed not to wear the particular item (or similar item) to school again.
- The student may be asked to call home to request that a change of clothes be brought to school.
- A letter may be sent to the parent/guardian.
- The student may be required to wear clothing supplied by the school, for the day.
- The student may be assigned after school detention.
- A parent/student conference may be assigned.
- Repeated violations of the dress code may be viewed as willful and deliberate non-compliance with the dress code and could result in in-school or out-of-school suspension for 1-3 days.

** If there is a question concerning the appropriateness of clothing not covered by these guidelines, the school director will make the final judgment as to whether or not the student's dress is appropriate. The director may make exception to a dress code item for a student due to medical or personal reasons.

