

**2016 CUSSD**  
**DRESS CODE POLICY**

Christian Unified Schools of San Diego desires to create an educational atmosphere that maximizes learning. Modesty, moderation, neatness, cleanliness and gender distinction are the overriding principles of the CUSSD uniform policy. Students are required to abide by the uniform policy at all times. The students' dress should reflect pride in their school and respect for themselves. Enforcement of the uniform policy, like all other discipline matters, is based on cooperation among students, parents and the school. The school, however, is the final authority on the uniform policy and other discipline issues. If, in the opinion of the school, a student's dress is inappropriate, a parent may be called and required to bring a new, acceptable uniform to the school.

It is a violation of the uniform policy to show underwear, midriff, lower back or cleavage at any time (including when leaning over or raising the arms). All skirts and shorts must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the floor when kneeling (boys and girls). Clothing that is tight, baggy, dirty or sloppy is not allowed. Items that are torn or cut in any way are prohibited. Appropriateness of overall appearance will be left to the discretion of the administration.

**Clothing**

CUSSD students may choose from Educational Outfitters selection of CUSSD apparel and uniform outerwear. Educational Outfitters is the only provider of our school uniforms and outerwear, with the exception of CJHS/CHS approved athletic outerwear.

**Boys**

**SHIRTS**

1. POLO SHIRTS – Polo shirts may be white, red, or dark navy blue. Polo shirts may be long or short sleeve. Only Educational Outfitters polo shirts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
2. OXFORD CLOTH SHIRT – Oxford cloth shirts may be solid white or blue pin-stripe. The oxford cloth shirts may be long or short sleeve. Only Educational Outfitters oxford cloth shirts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
  - Oxford cloth shirts must be buttoned, excluding the top button. Cloth shirts are not considered outerwear and should not be worn unbuttoned.
  - Only one plain white or navy undershirt or plain white or navy turtleneck may be worn under one uniform shirt.
  - No modifications of uniform is permitted.
  - Polo shirts may be un-tucked, but may not be excessively long.
  - Students may wear a Christian Unified School tie with an oxford shirt, tied neatly around the neck using a traditional knot.

**PANTS**

1. UNIFORM PANTS – Uniform pants must be khaki. Only Educational Outfitters khaki pants with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
2. UNIFORM SHORTS – Uniform shorts must be khaki. Only Educational Outfitters khaki shorts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
  - Pants that are excessively tight, baggy, dirty or sloppy are not allowed.
  - Boys may only wear a plain brown or black belt with pants or shorts of appropriate size to fit within the belt loops. No over-sized belt buckles or belts with logos are allowed.
  - Belts must be worn with the oxford cloth shirt but are not required for polo shirt.
  - **No undergarments are to be visible at any time. Sagging is not allowed.**

**Girls**

**SHIRTS**

1. POLO SHIRTS – Polo shirts may be white, red, or dark navy blue. Polo shirts may be long or short sleeve. Only Educational Outfitters polo shirts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
2. OXFORD CLOTH SHIRT – Oxford cloth shirts may be solid white or blue pin-stripe. The oxford cloth shirts may be long or short sleeve. Only Educational Outfitters oxford cloth shirts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
  - Oxford cloth shirts and blouses must be buttoned at all times, excluding top button. Oxford cloth shirts and blouses are not considered outerwear and should not be worn unbuttoned.
  - No undergarments are to be visible at any time. Sagging is not allowed.

- Only one plain white or navy blue undershirt, turtleneck or camisole may be worn under one uniform shirt. Visible lace is not acceptable.
- Girls' shirts are to be purchased in the appropriate size to ensure no midriff or lower back is visible.
- No modifications of uniform shirts are permitted. This includes pinning, rolling, knotting, or any other modifications.
- Ties:
- Students may wear a Christian Unified School tie with an oxford shirt, tied neatly around the neck using a traditional knot.

#### *PANTS/SHORTS*

1. UNIFORM PANTS-Uniform pants must be khaki. Only Educational Outfitters khaki pants with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
2. UNIFORM SHORTS-Uniform shorts must be khaki. Only Educational Outfitters khaki shorts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
  - Pants that are excessively tight, baggy, dirty or sloppy are not allowed.
  - Shorts must be no higher than four (4) inches above the knee when kneeling and no longer than one (1) inch below the knee.
  - Shorts should not be rolled or altered in any way.
  - Girls may only wear a plain brown or black belt with pants or shorts of appropriate size to fit within the belt loops. No over-sized belt buckles or belts with logos are allowed.

#### *SKIRTS*

Skirts must be khaki, grey (7-12), or the CUSSD plaid. Only approved Educational Outfitters skirts with CUSSD logo are acceptable.

- Skirt length (when kneeling) is to be no more than four (4) inches above the floor.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time.
- It is understood that the waistbands of skirts are capable of being rolled and unrolled during the school day. If, in a staff member's opinion, the skirt is shorter than the 4 inch rule at any time, the student will be issued a demerit for a dress code violation. It will not be considered necessary to measure a girl's skirt in order to make this assessment. **Throughout the duration of the school year, any girl who receives three demerits for skirt length will forfeit the privilege of wearing a skirt to school for the remainder of the semester.**

#### **Outerwear**

1. Uniformed collared shirts must be worn under all outerwear except for special days (i.e. free dress, Patriot Friday)
2. JACKETS- Only approved Educational Outfitters jackets with CUSSD logo are acceptable. Students may also wear school-issued jackets.
3. SWEATERS-Only approved Educational Outfitters sweaters with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
4. SWEATERVESTS- Only approved Educational Outfitters sweater vests with CUSSD logo are acceptable.
5. CHS LETTERMAN JACKETS-Upper school athletes may wear CHS letterman jackets in cold weather.
6. Blankets are not approved outerwear.
7. Sweatpants are not allowed under skirts/shorts.
8. College sweatshirts: Seniors may wear sweatshirts of their prospective colleges on Fridays of second semester.

#### **Shoes**

1. Students must wear securely-fitting closed shoes.
2. Flip-flops, slippers, and open-toed sandals are not acceptable footwear for school.
3. Shoes should be chosen with discretion and not be a distraction for others.
4. Cowboy boots, boots with heels, or high heeled shoes are not allowed. (Ugg boots or similar brands are okay).
5. Moccasins may not be worn.

#### **Hair**

##### **BOYS Guidelines:**

1. Hair should be neat, clean, moderate and a natural hair color. Hair length should conform to the following guidelines: above the eyes, above the earlobes, and above the middle of the collar of a dress shirt.
2. Boys should be clean-shaven. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and are not to extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
3. Hairstyle should not be distracting to the individual or those around him. This includes drastic changes in hair color or style.
4. No extreme hairstyles are allowed, and this will be left up to the discretion of the administration.

##### **GIRLS Guidelines:**

1. Hair should be neat, clean, moderate and a natural hair color.
2. Hairstyle should not be distracting to the individual or those around him. This includes drastic changes in hair color or style.
3. No extreme hair accessories will be allowed.
4. No extreme hairstyles are allowed, and this will be left up to the discretion of the administration.

#### **Accessories**

1. No accessorizing is permitted. This is to achieve a uniform look, minimize distractions and support an educational atmosphere. (This includes pins, brooches, scarves, headbands, flowers, etc.)
2. The only belts permitted are plain brown or black leather with a maximum width of 2" and must be worn within belt loops. No studded belts of any style are allowed. No oversized belt buckles or belts with logos are allowed.
3. Socks are preferred to be solid white, navy, black or khaki, with no patterns. Socks with inappropriate wording, logos, or pictures are not permitted.
4. Girls may wear natural colored, white, black or navy full-length tights or leggings.
5. "Fishnet" or patterned style socks, stockings or tights are not permitted.
6. Hats and beanies are not allowed.
7. Any glasses that are not prescription may not be worn.

#### **Jewelry, Tattoos and Body Piercing**

Students who choose to pierce their ears or noses during the year are not allowed to wear spacers while at school or at school sponsored events. Parents need to be proactive in preventing a potential problem by not allowing inappropriate, new, or piercings not in accordance with school guidelines.

#### **Jewelry Guidelines:**

1. Earrings are appropriate for girls only and may have a maximum of 2 earrings in each ear.
2. Girls may wear necklaces, but jewelry should be chosen with the discretion and not be distracting to others.
3. "Choker" necklaces are prohibited.
4. Chains protruding from pants pockets are not permitted.
5. Any other "body jewelry" is never appropriate and is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to nose rings.
6. Boys' chains/necklaces may not have them exposed.

#### **Tattoo And Body Piercing Guidelines:**

1. Body piercing is unacceptable for CUSSD students and may not be visible at school or any school-related activities.
2. Tattoos are unacceptable for CUSSD students and may not be visible at school or any school-related activities.

#### **Patriot Friday Dress Guidelines**

To promote school spirit, Friday is the day to officially show support for CHS classes, clubs, teams and groups. Follow the following guidelines:

1. Students must wear a uniform bottom.
2. Students may wear a current, approved class t-shirt. Students may not wear t-shirts of their own, personal creation.
3. Students may wear any school-issued outerwear (i.e. sports sweatshirts).
4. In season, athletic teams may wear team jerseys.
5. Fun sock Friday.

#### **Free Dress Guidelines**

1. Students must wear close-toed shoes (i.e. no flip flops).
2. Students must shirts with sleeves (i.e. no tank tops or sleeveless shirts).
3. Skirts and shorts must be uniform length (4 inches above the ground when kneeling).
4. Jeans with holes are not allowed.
5. Hats and beanies may be worn but must be removed when entering class or chapel.
6. Spandex and leggings may only be worn under uniform length skirts or shorts.
7. All attire must follow a Philippians 4:8 attitude (i.e. no inappropriate or suggestive verbiage or images).
8. Modesty, modesty, modesty.

#### **Banquet Dress**

The banquet dress guidelines must be followed by all students and guests. Students need to obtain administrative approval for any apparel which may not comply with the guidelines. Banquets are formal events and students should dress accordingly. **Only students who meet the dress guidelines will be allowed into the banquet.**

**BOYS BANQUET DRESS GUIDELINES:**

1. A suit or equivalent should be worn.
2. Hair must conform to uniform policy.
3. Jewelry and tattoo guidelines from the uniform policy must be followed.
4. Any extreme in fashion is not acceptable.

**GIRLS BANQUET DRESS GUIDELINES (modesty is key):**

1. Back of dress may not be lower than shoulder blades.
2. Dress may not be tight fitting.
3. Dress may not be low-cut in front.
4. Dress may not have slits higher than top of the knee cap.
5. The length of dress must be at the top of knee cap or longer.

**Baccalaureate and Graduation Dress Code Guidelines**

**BACCALAUREATE Attendance at Baccalaureate is MANDATORY.**

**Guys:**

1. Dress pants – NO jeans of any kind
2. Dress shirts – NO denim or flannel
3. Tie – Not optional
4. Sport Coat/Suit is optional
5. Hair in dress code
6. No Earrings

**Girls:**

1. Dressy, Modest dresses (no sleeveless, no cleavage) or skirts
2. Dressy shoes, no flip flops or tennis shoes
3. NO denim, pants, or split skirts
4. Skirt lengths must be to the top of the knee.

**GRADUATION**

**Guys:**

1. Tuxedo
2. Guys will select the class tuxedo by voting on it.
3. The tuxedos must all be rented from the designated store.
4. Shoes/socks – black dress shoes and black socks
5. Hair - must conform to dress code
6. Guys may not wear earrings or sunglasses

**Girls: (All girls' dresses must be approved before they may be worn at graduation.)**

1. Dress: Simplicity is to be expressed
  - Formal
  - Completely white formals (not off-white or cream)
  - Must have a modest neckline (no low fronts or backless dresses, must come up to the shoulder blades in the back, lace and sheer material are not considered coverage.)
  - No extremely full skirts
  - Slits must not be open higher than the knee.
  - Dresses must be mid-calf or longer.
  - Formals must have sleeves, no sleeveless or spaghetti straps allowed.
  - Jackets/sleeves used to meet the coverage requirements may NOT be sheer and must NOT be able to be seen through.
2. Hair must be neat and attractive. Extremes in hair style and/or hair decoration should be avoided.
3. Jewelry: Optional – simple earrings, necklace, and /or bracelet. No other jewelry is permitted.
4. Make- up must be natural looking.
5. Shoes must be a neutral color (white, silver, or gold).

### **Enforcement**

Christian High School will discipline those students who violate the dress code. Repeated violations of this code will be interpreted as disrespect and defiance of authority and the standards of our school and will be treated as such. The site administrator or his/her designee will make final decisions regarding the implementation of this code. The consequences for dress code violations will be followed as per the behavior code.

### **Exceptions**

Any exception to the above dress code must have prior administrative approval, including the wearing of team uniforms and class/spirit days. The Administration reserves the right to change the dress code at any time to adjust to appropriate/inappropriate fashion trends.

### **Physical Education Dress Code**

All students will be in PE uniforms, purchased from Educational Outfitters, daily, even with a parent note. Students may not borrow uniforms from other students. Students may wear approved sweats during inclement weather at the direction of the PE teacher.

### **Message to Parents**

God has given parents the ultimate responsibility for educating their children. Christian High School functions as an extension of the home to facilitate, but not to usurp its authority. The school can best fulfill its mission when it works cooperatively with godly parents to give the student a consistently God-centered environment