



High School Dress Code

The purpose of the CVSA dress code is to create a safe and respectful environment where students place their sole focus on learning. The dress code is in effect from the start of the school day until the end of the school day, and must be adhered to during all school CVSA activities.

Students should be neat, clean and in 'business casual' clothing. Students should wear the appropriate clothing with modesty and in a neat fashion at all times. Clothing, jewelry, or appearances that are determined to be distracting to the learning environment or unsafe by the staff will not be permitted. If meeting these standards creates a financial hardship for your family, please talk with the Student Services for assistance.

- The faculty and staff of CVSA reserve the right to interpret and enforce the student dress code.
- Students who violate the dress code will be required to change or to wear a scholar robe for the day and parents will be notified.
- Repeat dress code violations will result in students wearing a school uniform for a prescribed amount of time.
- The principal reserves the right to make judgments concerning the maintaining of the dress code on school field trips.

The objective of a dress code at CVA is to promote a more effective learning environment by:

- Placing students of different socio-economic levels on an even footing in regard to their appearance.
- Eliminating the "fashion show" behavior, that can be a distraction in the classroom.
- Reinforcing that the primary purpose of school is education.
- Fostering good order, discipline, values, and behaviors in our students.
- Enhancing the educational environment of our students to promote learning in the classroom.
- Learning that a neat, professional appearance is a valuable career skill.
- Building a sense of community within the school and create an atmosphere of belonging. This sense of unity can positively affect students' attitudes toward school and can lead to better learning and improved attendance.
- Making it easier for school officials to identify non-students while promoting a safe and comfortable atmosphere.

- Promoting time efficiency and organization – parents will find shopping less complicated and enforcement will be more straightforward. It will also be easier for students to get dressed in the morning.
- Helping students express themselves in a positive manner. Instead of expressing themselves through their hairstyle and clothing, students will express themselves through the arts, music, sports, personality, and academic achievement.

Tops

- Students must wear dress shirts at all times except for PE classes. Dress shirts may have short or long sleeved shirt with a collar or no collar, blazers or sweatshirt tops will not qualify as a replacement dress shirt. Shirts may not be excessively baggy, excessively tight, or revealing and must be buttoned up, when applicable, with the exception of the top button. Shirts must be tucked into the pants when possible. Mid-drifts may not show at any time.
- Non-CVSA sweaters and sweatshirts of appropriate length and size may be worn over, but not in place of a dress shirt. Sweaters and sweatshirts must meet label and insignia standards state below. No other shirt may be worn over dress shirts.
- Outside jackets must be taken off after entering the building and stored appropriately.

Bottoms

- Boys may wear long dress pants with a belt (when there are belt loops).
- Girls may wear long dress pants (mid-calf or longer) with a belt (when there are belt loops) or skirts with the hem or slit no shorter than 1 inch above the knee – this includes uneven edged skirts.
- Shorts must be worn with a belt (when there are belt loops), should be no shorter than 1 inch above the knee.
- Bottoms should not be excessively baggy, excessively tight, and should be worn at the waistline.
- Jeans, or other denim of any kind, is not acceptable.

Footwear

- Students must wear shoes to school.
- Shoes need to be sturdy with a closed toe.
- Shoes must be predominately (80%) one color.
- Sandals, slippers, and other casual footwear is not allowed.

Jewelry and Accessories

- Jewelry should be discrete.
- Earrings are acceptable, but no other visible piercings are permitted.
- Dangling or hoop earrings or jewelry must not be worn during active classes.
- No items may hang from belts.
- All necklaces must be of normal size, not oversized and no more than 2 necklaces worn at one time.
- No more than 3 wristbands or bracelets may be worn at a time on each arm.
- Visible permanent/temporary tattoos or scribes/written images on skin are not allowed.

Grooming

- Students should arrive at school physically clean.

- Hair should be styled so as not to block the student's vision and should not require grooming during class. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Make-up must be low key and natural.
- Deodorant must be used daily.
- Cologne and/or perfume and other scents should be kept to a minimum.

Other

- Upon entering the building, all students are to remove sunglasses, hats, head bands and other head coverings.
- Hats and visors that shield the sun are encouraged for outside use.
- All clothing, Tops, Bottoms and Shoes must be in good condition without being overly worn or ripped and clean.
- Text, labels, insignias may not be larger than a standard business card (3.5"x5") and must not contain language advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or include sexual or vulgar undertones.
- Apparel that alludes to gangs, gang colors, or that is determined to be gang related is not permitted.
- CVSA/CVA sanctioned apparel that meets standards of modesty, has sleeves, and is in a neat fashion will be permitted at any time. *Not all CVSA/CVA that is sold will be permitted.*