

# **UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

At Cary Christian School, we have developed Uniform Guidelines with a desire to foster a sense of unity among students. We also are committed to providing a consistently attractive and neat appearance while seeking to avoid peer pressure in matters of dress. Parents and students are responsible for reading and adhering to the Uniform Guidelines.

## **THE UNIFORM CODE**

- The use of uniforms helps create a distraction-free environment for learning.
- The neat appearance created by a uniform code enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
- A uniform code instills school spirit and a sense of belonging, while providing enough choice to allow for individual expression. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence and the code establishes a tradition.
- A uniform code saves parents time, as most uniform items, including accessories, may be purchased at the same source. This may save parents not only time, but energy as well. In addition, time may be saved each morning as the “what to wear” issue is eliminated.
- The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues. The selected clothes were chosen with price and durability in mind for an overall good value for the money. Growth features in some of the garments may also cut down on total wardrobe expenditures.
- The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

### **Shoes: Dress Uniform**

Dress shoes (not athletic shoes) are required on dress uniform days. For grades K-5 dress shoes should be solid black or brown for boys and solid black, brown or navy for the girls. For grades 6-12 dress shoes should be solid brown for the boys and solid black brown or navy for the girls. Dress shoes must have non-marking soles. Girls’ shoes should be flat or low-heeled (K-5: 1 inch or less, 6-12: 2 inches or less). No slippers, boat shoes, loafers, open-toe shoes or sandals are permitted.

### **Belts**

Belts are required for both boys and girls on any item of clothing that has belt loops. Belts should be solid brown.

### **Hair and Accessories**

Students will keep their hair neat, clean, well-groomed, and in traditional styles and natural colors.

Boys: Keep hair in short lengths with the back length no longer than the top of the shirt. Bangs should be trimmed and out of the eyes. Boys should be clean-shaven. Senior boys may wear well-groomed facial hair.

Girls: Barrettes, scrunchies, hair bows, and all hair accessories are allowed in moderate sizes and colors aligned with the uniforms: as close as possible to white, black, gray, hunter, or navy. Girls’ hair may be tastefully and conservatively highlighted in traditional styles and natural colors.

### **Hats**

Unless granted permission for special days or events, students are not to wear hats while in the school building.

### **Jewelry**

Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings. For K-5, please limit the number worn to one pair, avoiding those that dangle for obvious safety reasons. For 6-12, two pairs can be worn and these are to be worn only in the lower earlobes. Watches and rings are fine for boys and girls, keeping in mind moderation and good taste. Wrist bands may be worn but only in school colors. Tasteful necklaces, bracelets and anklets may be worn.

## DRESS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Dress uniform requirements are listed below by grade level. All students will be expected to dress according to these specifications on dress uniform days throughout the school year.

Here is a partial list of occasions where participating students will be required to wear the dress uniform:

- First day of school
- Field trips (unless otherwise noted)
- School assemblies
- Group and individual picture days
- Christmas programs/concerts
- School competitions or presentations (ex. Spelling Bee, Senior Theses)
- Last day year-end Awards Assemblies (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade is exempt)

### K-5 DRESS UNIFORMS

K-2	3-5
<b>Girls K-2</b>	<b>Girls 3-5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Plaid Jumper</li> <li>· White Peter Pan Collar Blouse</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Black or Navy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Plaid Skirt</li> <li>· White Oxford Button Down Collar Blouse</li> <li>· Optional: Solid Navy V-Neck Vest</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Black or Navy</li> </ul>
<b>Boys K-2</b>	<b>Boys 3-5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt</li> <li>· White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt</li> <li>· Plaid Tie or Bow Tie</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Brown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt</li> <li>· White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt *</li> <li>· Sweater Optional: Solid Navy V-Neck Vest*</li> <li>· Plaid Tie or Bow Tie</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Brown</li> </ul>

### 6-12 DRESS UNIFORMS

6-8	9-12
<b>Girls 6-8</b>	<b>Girls 9-12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Khaki Skirt or Kilt</li> <li>· White Oxford Button Down Collar Blouse</li> <li>· White Trim V-Neck Vest</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Black, Brown or Navy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Khaki Skirt or Kilt</li> <li>· White Fitted Dress Shirt</li> <li>· Navy Blazer</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Black, Brown or Navy</li> </ul>
<b>Boys 6-8</b>	<b>Boys 9-12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt</li> <li>· White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt</li> <li>· Navy Tie or Bow Tie</li> <li>· Dress Shoes: Brown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt</li> <li>• White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt</li> <li>• Navy Blazer</li> <li>• Striped Tie or Bow Tie</li> <li>• Dress Shoes: Brown</li> </ul>