

CCS APPEARANCE CODE FOR STUDENTS 2016-2017

In accordance with God's Word and to be consistent with our school philosophy, the students of Conestoga Christian School are expected to dress in a manner that will honor God and show respect for others. It is a challenge for Christian families to discern what is appropriate and what is not. Neatness and modesty are very important. The following guidelines have been established to give direction to the students. Parents are responsible to see that their children are in compliance. Rule of thumb: When in doubt, don't wear it. The school dress code is in effect throughout the school day until leaving the premises.

All Students

General Expectations

- Dress needs to be modest and neat.
- Hair needs to be well groomed and out of the face.
- Clothing and accessories that may distract others or are unsafe are not acceptable. Under-clothing may not be visible.
- Logos and wording that go against the school's philosophy, such as cartoons, pictures, slogans, and music groups, are not permitted. References to alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, military activity, or camouflage of any color are unacceptable.
- For safety reasons, footwear is to be worn at all times during the school day.
- Shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- Hats may not be worn in the buildings.
- Visible body art is not permitted; including but not limited to drawing and/or writing on any part of the student's body.
- Visible piercings (except ear piercing for girls) are not permitted.
- Tongue piercing is not permitted.

Pants

- Pants must rest securely on the hips.
- Form-fitting pants should not be worn.
- Pajama-like pants and leggings should not be worn.
- Pants with holes are not to be worn if any part of the skin is visible.
- No athletic pants may have writing across the backside. Pants that have writing on the leg are permitted (as long as the writing adheres to CCS guidelines), but writing across the backside is not permitted.

Shorts

- Modest shorts or capri pants may be worn for the months of August, September, October, April, May, and June. In the other school months when the local (Morgantown) forecast is 60 degrees or higher students may wear shorts that meet CCS standards. The local (Morgantown) forecast can be checked on the school website each morning.
- For middle school and high school students, shorts must have an inseam of at least 6 inches (5 inch inseams for elementary students).
- Shorts must rest securely on the hips.
- Shorts are not to be rolled at the waist
- Form fitting shorts should not be worn..
- No shorts may have writing across the backside. Shorts that have writing on the leg are permitted (as long as the writing adheres to CCS guidelines), but writing across the backside is not permitted.

Shirts

- Shirts need to have sleeves.
- Midriff/short-cut shirts or tops are not permitted.
- Shirts need to cover the entire stomach/midriff when raising a hand.
- Shirts need to cover the entire back when seated.
- Bottoms of shirts need to be tucked in or extend below the waistline of pants/shorts/skirts.

Girls

- Dresses, skirts, or long shirts/tunics worn with or without tights/leggings may not be more than 2 inches from the top of the knee when standing.
- For any article of clothing that includes sheer fabric the opaque underpinnings must adhere to school dress code.
- Shirts and blouses need to be modest (not form fitting or low cut).
- Tops may be cut no lower than the wearer's hand width when thumb is placed at the base of the neck.
- Cleavage may not show when standing, sitting down, or bending over.
- No excessive make-up is to be worn.

Guys

- No earrings are to be worn.

Physical Education Classes and Athletic Practices (Girls and Guys)

- Middle school and high school students are required to wear athletic shorts with an inseam of at least 6 inches.
- Denim shorts and cutoffs are not permitted.
- Loose-fitting athletic-style long pants may be worn.
- Shirts need to have sleeves (unless authorized by Athletic Director).
- Sneakers are to be worn and need to have non-marking soles.
- No school sports uniforms may be used for PE classes.

Special Events

- Teachers or student organizations may request "dress" clothes for certain special occasions or events. "Dress" clothes are collared shirts for guys and dresses, skirts, or dress pants for girls or as specified by the teacher. Ties may be required for guys. Special events include, but are not limited to, musical presentations, designated chapels, designated field trips, etc.
- On game days, athletes are expected to wear "dress" clothes prior to changing into uniforms. For guys, "dress" clothes are collared shirts and dress pants or shorts. Shirts must be buttoned and tucked in. Ties may be required. For girls, "dress" clothes are dress pants, skirts, or dresses. On certain occasions athletes may be directed to wear their team jerseys with dress pants/shorts.
- For all formal/semiformal events: No gowns with low-cut necklines are to be worn. Cleavage and undergarments are not to show while standing, sitting, or bending over. No strapless gowns are to be worn. Single strap gowns must have a strap no less than 1.5" wide. No gowns with low-cut backs are to be worn. The back of the gown may not be lower than the bra line, i.e., no skin may show below the bra line. The length of the dress/skirt, including any slits, must be no more than 2" from the top of the kneecap when standing. If the dress includes sheer fabric, the opaque underpinnings must adhere to this dress code. For the Jr/Sr banquet guys are to wear dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and/or jacket or formalwear.
- For any school-sponsored event involving swimwear, girls must wear one-piece modest swimsuits. A two-piece suit is permitted as long as no midriff is showing, unless the facility being used has a more restrictive rule. Guys' trunks must rest securely on the hips. No "Speedos" may be worn.

Enforcement of the Student Appearance Code

Teachers are to turn in to the appropriate principal reports of violations.

Students who violate the appearance code may be asked to change or to wear clothing provided by the building principal.