Cornerstone Academy
Dress Code Policy

"Whatever you do... do it all for the glory of God."
— 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..."
— 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

Philosophy and Purpose

At Cornerstone Academy, we believe that how students dress reflects our commitment to honoring God, promoting self-respect, and fostering a focused learning environment. As ambassadors for Christ, even our outward appearance can reflect excellence, humility, and unity. Our dress code is designed to support these values across all grade levels.

Beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade will follow a unified schoolwide uniform policy. This policy supports:

- Unity in the Body of Christ
- Bringing glory to God in all we do
- Representing Christ well in our community
- Reducing distractions to maintain academic focus
- Preparing students for professional and collegiate expectations
- Consistency across divisions as our school continues to grow

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Daily Uniform Requirements (All Students K–12)

All students are required to wear a school uniform that is neat, clean, and in good condition.

Uniform Requirements

For Boys:

- Polo shirts in white, cobalt blue, or maize yellow (long-sleeved polos are acceptable in colder weather)
- Khaki or navy blue pants

For Girls:

- Polo shirts in white, cobalt blue, or maize yellow (long-sleeved polos are acceptable in colder weather)
- Khaki, navy, or plaid skirts, jumpers, or dresses
- Solid-colored leggings or tights (white, navy, black, or gray) may be worn underneath skirts or jumpers

Footwear

- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes suitable for daily activity
- No sandals, slides, or flip-flops

Physical Education Requirements

Middle & High School (Grades 6–12)

Students in grades 6–12 are required to change for P.E.

Required P.E. Attire

- Athletic shoes

- Cornerstone T-shirt
- Athletic bottoms (sweatpants, athletic skirts, skorts, or shorts)

All P.E. attire must meet general modesty standards.

Elementary School (Grades K–5)

Elementary students are not required to change clothes for P.E. class. However, students are permitted to wear a Cornerstone T-shirt on designated P.E. days if they would like to do so. Students may either wear the Cornerstone T-shirt to school on P.E. days or bring it with them and change into it before class.

Approved Spirit Wear

Cornerstone spirit wear may be worn as part of the daily uniform and is designed to promote school pride while maintaining a neat and unified appearance.

Acceptable Spirit Wear Items

The following items are approved when they display the official Cornerstone logo:

- Cornerstone logo sweatshirts
- Cornerstone logo quarter zips
- Cornerstone logo sweaters

Spirit wear must be school-issued or officially approved and must be worn in good condition (clean, neat, and free from excessive wear or damage).

Spirit wear may be worn over the approved uniform polo shirt.

Hood and Hat Policy

If a spirit wear item includes a hood or hat, they may not be worn inside the school building during the school day. Hoods and hats must remain off while indoors.

This policy supports safety, visibility, and a respectful learning environment.

Half-Day Relaxed Dress Days

Each scheduled half-day of school will be designated as a Relaxed Dress Day.

On these days, students may wear non-uniform clothing. However, all General Dress Code Guidelines remain in effect:

- Clothing must remain modest and appropriate
- No tight, short, or revealing attire
- Graphics and messaging must be uplifting and appropriate
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must meet fingertip length
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes are still required

General Dress Code Guidelines (All Students)

Modesty and Appropriateness
Clothing must not be tight, short, or revealing. Attire should support a respectful, distraction-free learning environment and reflect Christian values.

Graphics and Messaging
Clothing must not display inappropriate language, images, or messages. Graphics should be uplifting and in harmony with our Christian community.

Cleanliness and Neatness
Students are expected to maintain a neat appearance. Clothing should be clean, free of excessive wrinkles or stains, and in good repair.

Personal Grooming
Proper hygiene and grooming are required. Hair, nails, and general appearance should be tidy and respectful.

Enforcement and Partnership

Teachers and staff are committed to supporting students in following the uniform policy. Students are expected to arrive at school each day in full, approved uniform. If a student comes to school out of uniform,

parents will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate uniform attire so the student may remain in compliance with school policy. Repeated uniform violations will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's discipline policy. Consistent adherence to the uniform policy helps maintain a focused, respectful, and unified learning environment for all students.

We appreciate the partnership of our families in upholding these expectations. Together, we cultivate a unified, Christ-centered, and distraction-free environment where students can grow academically, spiritually, and personally.