

Carbon Valley Academy Dress Code and Uniform Policy

(Starting in the 2007/2008 School Year)

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

1. Placing students of different socio-economic levels on an even footing in regard to their appearance.
2. Eliminating the “fashion show” behavior, which is a distraction in the classroom.
3. Reinforcing that the primary purpose of school is education.
4. Fostering good order, discipline, values, and behaviors in our students.
5. Enhancing the educational environment of our students to promote learning in the classroom.
6. Learning that a neat, professional appearance is a valuable career skill.
7. 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.
8. Making it easier for school officials to identify non-students while promoting a safe and comfortable atmosphere.
9. 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.
10. 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.

School Uniform Requirements – Overview

All uniform items must be of the French Toast or Lands End or Arrow uniform brand. Shirt colors will be white, burgundy, and dark blue and must be one solid color. *Contrasting details on collars are not allowed.* All shirts must have collars. Turtlenecks are allowed. Blue and White or Burgundy plaid options in the French Toast catalog only.

Pant, skirt, short, skort and jumper colors are khaki and navy blue.. All styles must be a French Toast, Lands End or Arrow brand uniform style. *Clothes offered through their fashion line are not acceptable.* Pants are to be trouser style only (no cargo pants).

Sweaters must be from the French Toast, Lands End or Arrow brand uniform line. Acceptable colors are white, burgundy and navy blue and must be one solid color. Accepted styles are plain knit v-neck, crew neck, cardigan and sweater vests

Shoes and sneakers must be predominately one of the following solid colors – brown, black, or white. More specific details on shoes can be found below.

Students are also permitted to wear CVA shirts and sweatshirts sold by the school.

This uniform policy applies to all functions on school property and during all school activities in other locations unless otherwise notified. The principal reserves the right to make judgments concerning the wearing of uniforms on school field trips.

The uniform will be clean, neat, serviceable and in good order (no holes, tears, excessive fading, slits deliberately cut, frayed or ragged) and worn properly. This includes pant legs that are cut off and not hemmed. All uniforms should fit comfortably and not be overly baggy or tight.

Purchasing

The French Toast brand is sold online at the [French Toast website](http://www.frenchtoast.com) – www.frenchtoast.com. Locally, it is sold in August and September at the Longmont Target or online through www.target.com. Lands End and Arrow brands are also available online or at local retail stores.

You also have the option of ordering directly from French Toast by calling 1-800-636-3104. **When placing your order over the phone or online, enter the school source code QS5WRMY. This way CVA receives a 5% commission on your order, which helps raise funds for school needs like building equipment, field trips, software, supplies, and so on.**

All-white and all-black sneakers can be found at www.shoes.com and through other online shoe sites. Locally FootLocker, Target, and Payless offer a selection of all-white sneakers. (Sneakers can also be found through their websites).

Uniform Details

Pants/Skirts/Jumpers/Skort/Shorts

All must be khaki or navy blue from the French Toast, Lands End or Arrow uniform line of clothing. Trouser style pants only - No corduroy or denim. No cargo pants.

1. Long pants
2. Skirts with shorts or tights underneath
3. Jumpers
4. Skorts (Bermuda length)
5. Walking shorts (Bermuda length)

Shirts

All shirts must be French Toast brand, Lands End or Arrow brand. Shirt colors will be white, burgundy, and dark blue and must be all one color. *Contrasting details on collars are not allowed.* All shirts must have collars.

Turtlenecks are allowed.

1. Polo shirt – (short or long sleeved).
2. Oxford shirt – (short or long sleeved).
3. Turtleneck
4. Blouse with a round Peter Pan collar (short or long sleeved).
5. Official CVA shirts and sweatshirts

Long sleeved shirts may be worn underneath short sleeve shirts, Undershirts must be covered completely by uniform shirt (no long sleeve shirt under short sleeve shirt look) All shirts and blouses must have sleeves and shirttails must be long enough to be tucked in. No exposed midsections and no exposed undergarments.

Belts

Boys and girls are encouraged to wear solid belts which are solid brown or black with all belt-looped pants, shorts and skirts. Belts must wrap fully around the waist and not dangle.

Footwear

1. Solid color socks, knee socks, or tights in navy blue, white or burgundy
2. Shoes –No shoes with excessive color, wheels, lights, characters, Crocs or open toes. No high heels, flip flops, slippers or sandals. Acceptable shoe styles: athletic shoes, Oxfords, Loafers, Mary Janes, Hiking boots, dress boots and western boots. Heel height should not exceed 2 inches. During inclement weather: change of indoor dress code compliant shoes is required when snow/rain boots are worn to school.

Sweaters

Sweaters must be from the French Toast, Lands End or Arrow uniform line. Acceptable colors are white, burgundy and navy blue and must be one solid color –

1. Accepted styles – plain knit v-neck, crew neck, cardigan and sweater vests
2. Sweaters may be worn over a uniform shirt or blouse.

Sweatshirts

Only those sweatshirts purchased from the CVA office are permitted.

Jewelry and Accessories

1. No items can hang from belts such as clips, pagers, cell phones, chain wallets, and pocket watches

2. Jewelry should be discrete.
 - Dangling or hoop earrings or jewelry that could cause injury on the playground must not be worn.
 - Upon entering the building, all students are to remove hats and other head coverings, including scarves and kerchiefs. An exception may be made by the principal under the following circumstances:
 - The student is a member of a legally recognized religious organization that requires a head covering to be worn.
 - The student has a medical necessity.

Outerwear

1. Coats, jackets and other outerwear must be free of inappropriate logos, verbiage and/or pictures.
2. Outerwear must be hung up while inside school building.

Dress of Choice Days

The third Friday of each month, or as designated by the principal, will be a free choice day for students. It is expected on free choice days that student apparel will be appropriate for a school setting. Shirts with crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive artwork or writing, or that advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice, or the use or drugs, tobacco or alcohol, are prohibited.

Skirt, skort and shorts should be longer than any shirt not tucked into the shorts. Bare midriffs are not allowed and appropriate undergarments should be worn. No halter-tops, tube tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps or sleeveless shirts.

Capris, leggings and pedal pushers are allowed on free choice days. No shoes that leave marks, platform shoes, platform tennis shoes, flip-flop sandals, thongs, high heels, slippers or dress shoes with slick soles will be allowed. Sandals must be closed-toe and have a strap.

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. Spikes, dyes and extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade should not wear make-up, cologne and/or perfume.

Enforcement

The uniform policy will be enforced to ensure compliance:

1. **First Violation: Student is sent to office to call home and have parent bring compliant clothing to school. Student will wear a scholar robe until dress code compliant. Administration will document violation.**
2. **Second Violation: Student is sent to office to call home and have parent bring compliant clothing to school. Student will wear scholar robe until dress code compliant. Administration will send a letter home detailing the incident and that a third offense will denote Level 1 status on student discipline code (§CRS 22-33-106).**
3. **Third Violation: Student is sent to office to call home and have parent bring dress code compliant clothing to school. Student will wear scholar robe until dress code compliant. Classification as Level 1 'habitual disruptor' status. Per procedure, next disciplinary violation (of any kind) advances to Level 2. Subsequent violations will advance to Level 3 and recommendation for expulsion.**

Exemptions

A student may remain in compliance with the school uniform policy when the student's parent or guardian has secured an exemption from the uniform policy by the procedures outlined herein. Some examples of exemptions are as follows:

1. Noncompliance derives from financial hardship.
2. Wearing the school uniform violates a student's sincerely-held religious beliefs.
3. Wearing the school uniform violates a student's medical profile.
4. Wearing a uniform of a nationally or locally recognized youth organization such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts on days approved by the school.
5. Newly enrolled students in their first week of attendance at school.

6. The Principal may approve occasional special days where exceptions to this uniform policy may be allowed for some or all students.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (IX), Board's duty to adopt student dress code
C.R.S. 22-33-106 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

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