

# Countryside Academy

## 9th-12th Grade Student Dress Code

The Board of Directors of Countryside Academy has created dress code standards as a tool for enhancing social responsibility and developing a sense of self-discipline and self-worth. The administration, staff and parent volunteers strive to provide a value-oriented atmosphere and a climate of high expectations conducive to helping each student realize his or her own potential.

Students must present themselves at school neat and clean at all times. Obviously, a dress code cannot be written to cover every single situation. Administration will make the final decision if there is a question about the dress code.

If students are not in dress code, they are not allowed in the classroom and will fall under the regulations of the attendance policy. (See Attendance Policy).

**Pants/Slacks:** Students shall wear plain, basic slacks. They shall not have slits, laces, glitter, studs, etc. No cargo/carpenter pockets will be allowed on any style slacks. Slacks shall fit appropriately and be worn at the waist. Colors may be solid black, navy blue, or tan. Denim slacks are allowed and must be one color, blue or black. Sweatpants are not allowed to be worn during school hours.

**Shorts/Capri Pants:** Shorts/Capri pants may be worn from the beginning of the school year through September 30, and again from May 1, through the end of the school year. Shorts must be no shorter than five inches from the bottom of the knee, shall fit appropriately, and be worn at the waist. Shorts may be more than one color, and they may also be striped or plaid. Denim shorts are allowed and must be one color, blue or black. No cargo/carpenter pockets shall be worn.

**Skirts/Jumpers:** Skirts and Jumpers must be plain/basic or plaid. Skirt length shall be no shorter than five inches from the bottom of the knee. They shall not have slits any higher than five inches from the bottom of the knee. They shall not have laces, glitter, studs, etc. Skirts shall fit appropriately and be worn at the waist.

**Shirts:** Shirts will have a collar (examples include but are not limited to oxford or polo) or turtleneck. Inappropriate garments shall not be visible through the shirt (examples include but are not limited to logo tee-shirts and dark colored undergarments). An administration approved logo 2" x 2" is allowed on the left or right shoulder of polo shirts. Shirts must be a solid color.

**Sweaters/Sweatshirts:** Plain pullover (any neck style) or button-up or zipper knit sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn, but must be worn over the dress code shirt except when wearing the CA-logo hooded sweatshirt approved by the Administration. No zippers, hoods, etc. are allowed unless it is a CA-logo hooded/or non-hooded sweatshirt approved by the Administration. An administration approved logo 2" x 2" is allowed on the left or right shoulder of sweatshirts. No jackets are allowed in classrooms.

**Shoes:** Shoes and boots may include up to two colors. Boots may not reach above the knee. No open-toe or open-heel shoes or sandals are allowed. Shoes or boots must be worn in the building at all times.

**Jewelry/Belts/Makeup/Body Art:** Students may wear one small earring per ear, attached to the earlobe only. No other body-piercing jewelry is allowed during school hours or at school functions. Jewelry, such as necklaces, bracelets, etc. will be allowed as long as it is not excessive and/or considered to be a distraction. Belts shall be plain, without jewels, studs, etc., and must be worn around the waist only. Make up is permitted as long as it is not excessive and/or considered to be a distraction. Visible tattoos and body art are not permitted and must be covered.

**Hair:** No student shall be allowed to have any bizarre or unnatural hair color. Non-hair accessories are not allowed in a student's hair (examples include but are not limited to headphones, bandanas, DuRags/stocking caps, glitter, feathers, pencils, binder clips). No student shall be allowed to wear extreme haircuts (examples include but are not limited to Mohawks, spikes...). No students' hair will come below the eyebrows or hang in their face.

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