



Wearing the Cardinal Charter uniform helps a student feel a sense of belonging and school pride. A higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individual students and others, and results in a higher standard of behavior. It also prepares students for the dress code requirements of the workforce. Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress for normal school days. Cardinal Charter Academy reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. The dress code serves to maintain a safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning. Students are expected to follow these guidelines. Every student in attendance will wear a school uniform. Failure to wear any part of the school uniform will result in a disciplinary action.

### Students in Grades K-5

- CARD Red polo, short- or long-sleeved – Tucked In
- Khaki or navy uniform style bottoms (shorts, slacks, skorts)
- Belt
- Socks- white, navy blue, gray, or black solid colors only
- Closed toe and heel shoes – no boots, sneakers preferred
- CARD Grey PE T-Shirt (optional — can be worn on PE days only)
- CARD Navy PE bottoms (optional — can be worn on PE days only)

### Students in grades 6-8

- CARD Navy blue or white polo, short- or long-sleeved – Tucked In
- Khaki or navy uniform style bottoms (shorts, slacks, skorts)
- Belt
- Socks- white, navy blue, gray, or black solid colors only
- Closed toe and heel shoes – no boots, sneakers preferred
- CARD Grey PE T-Shirt (required if taking PE)
- CARD Navy PE bottoms (required if taking PE)

**Hair:** Hair must be neat and clean. Hairstyles should not distract from the educational environment in any way. No hats, bandanas, or non-uniform color headbands may be worn.

**Shoes:** Students must wear closed shoes at all times. No slippers (with or without backs or hard bottoms), slides, UGGs, boots, or "Crocs-style" shoes may be worn. No heavy military type boots, shoes with metal tips or steel toes may be worn. Tennis shoes (sneakers) are preferred.

**Socks:** Solid color uniform style socks must be worn (white, navy blue, gray, or black). Fishnet stockings, leg warmers, or other inappropriate leg wear is not acceptable.



**Shirts:** All shirts must be uniform shirts purchased from Educational Outfitters in Raleigh or Lands' End Online store. Shirts must be tucked in and cannot exceed mid-thigh length. Only one solid white (long or short sleeve) T-shirt can be worn underneath polo shirts. T-shirts should not be visible below the hem of the shirt. Zippered jackets, if worn, must be purchased through the uniform stores. All Cardinal Charter Academy zippered jackets must be worn with a Cardinal Charter Academy collared school shirt underneath. ABSOLUTELY NO hooded shirts, jackets, or sweatshirts are permitted unless it is Cardinal Charter Academy spirit wear. When in the school building, hoods on spirit wear hoodies may not be up covering students' heads.

**Slacks/Shorts:** All uniform style slacks & shorts must be worn with a belt through the belt loops, worn at the natural waist, be in good repair, and be the appropriate size. Uniform style pants may be purchased from any uniform provider or store but must meet the expectations of the CSUSA dress code in style and fit. NO cargo pants, leggings, capris, jeans, zip off style pants, skirts, or rolled up shorts are permitted.

**Belts:** Students are required to wear belts. Belts/belt buckles displaying offensive symbols, as deemed inappropriate by Cardinal Charter Academy faculty or administration, are not to be worn. Additional adornments, such as chains, are not permitted.

**General:** Earrings are permitted. No other body piercing (including lip, tongue, eyebrow, and cartilage) piercing is allowed. At no time are students to wear anything offensive, immodest, or deemed inappropriate by the faculty or administration. No "Gothic" looks, dog collars, spiked jewelry, etc., or any other accessories deemed inappropriate by the faculty and administration.

### **Uniform Violations**

Level I – Verbal warning.

Level II – School sends home a uniform violation stamp/note.

Level III – Student will call parent from office to obtain correct uniform. Student will wait in the office for parent to bring correct uniform.

Furthermore, reasonable accommodations will be provided based on a student's religion, disability, or medical condition. Although we tried to be specific to all dress code issues, there may be issues not included in this policy that are left to the discretion of the faculty and administration of the school.