

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

CIVA Charter High School is committed to creating a learning environment that is safe, conducive to high student achievement and free from distractions or disruption. The dress code, a minimum standard, is to foster a culture of decorum and respect consistent with scholarly inquiry and achievement.

This dress code applies during school hours. In addition, students' appearance at school-related functions including, but not limited to, special occasions and activities under the jurisdiction of the school, shall be acceptable for the occasion, regardless of where or when such occasions or activities occur. Clothing and apparel for school hours or school functions are hereinafter referred to as school attire.

The Administration of the school may establish interpretive and supplemental guidelines for its students while seeking the approval of the Governing Board. Administration also reserves the right to amend the dress code as needed to accommodate special circumstances.

Dress code. A supportive dress code empowers the students to help create an environment that is conducive to learning for all involved.

Parents/guardians of students requiring accommodation for religious beliefs, disability, or other good cause should contact the Administration.

Specifically, the dress code prohibits attire that is deemed disruptive to the learning environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school:

- 1) Clothing must be clean, in good repair and should be worn as designed and should cover the body. Clothing that exposes any of the torso is unacceptable school attire.
- 2) Students should wear a collared shirt, oxford, polo-style, stand-up collars, knitted sweater. Female students are permitted to wear dressy blouses.
- 3) T-shirts with words, emblems, slogans or pictures are not allowed. Hoodies, hooded sweatshirts, (zipped and un-zipped) may not be worn in the school building. T-shirts can be worn if without words/pictures as a base layer with a collared shirt covering them. Official school approved monogrammed wear is acceptable.
- 4) Clothing must cover undergarments. Clothing that is worn in such a manner as to expose undergarments (i.e. boxer shorts, bras, underwear) is unacceptable school attire.
- 5) Cut-off t-shirts, half shirts, midriffs, tube tops, see-through or revealing tops or bottoms are unacceptable school attire.
- 6) Skirts, shorts or dresses that are mid-thigh or longer where the waistband rises to at least the hips are acceptable school attire. Even with leggings the skirt or dress should be lower than the fingertips when arms are resting at the side of the body.

- 7) Acceptable footwear is required to be worn at all times. Shoes in which the toes are enclosed are recommended. Bedroom slippers, shower shoes and bare feet are unacceptable school attire.
- 8) Items considered sleepwear, costumes or animal wear are unacceptable school attire.
- 9) Sunglasses, bandanas, caps, hats, hairnets, or covers of any kind are not allowed to be worn in the building. Accessories, which could be considered weapons, such as spiked or studded wrist wear or ankle bands, spiked rings or chains of any size including chains that are attached to wallets, are not authorized in the school. Such items may be confiscated.
- 10) All coats and outer wear for cold weather must be stored in the lockers before first period starts. For temperature fluctuations, sweaters, vests and layers are permitted.
- 11) Students are not allowed to use headphones or ear buds of any sort, unless prior consent has been granted for instructional purposes.
- 12) Clothes, paraphernalia, jewelry, or body adornments that contain advertisements, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures on the front or back are not allowed. Any clothing items that are sexually suggestive; gang-, drug-, or alcohol related; obscene or profane or promote hate; or are disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment are unacceptable for school and school related activities.
- 13) Students should dress in school-sanctioned outfits for specific classes such as gym, art, dance, choir and band concerts and all school performances. Additionally, the school may make exceptions from this dress code for special occasions at the school.

Implementation and sanctions. Students not in appropriate dress will be asked to change before being allowed to continue in classes. Students will be expected to come dressed appropriately for learning and parents are asked to ensure their son/daughter is dressed appropriately for school.

As general protocol, any students not in dress code will call home to ask their parents to provide the required clothing. Students not in compliance with the dress code may not be allowed in classrooms.

A student who continually violates the dress code policy will incur escalating consequences.