

# **Christ the Teacher Catholic School 2022 - 2023 Appearance Code**

The physical appearance of students should reflect the standards of excellence expected of students at Christ the Teacher Catholic School. These rules of dress help foster a positive school environment. The dress code will be implemented from the first day of school. Students not meeting the uniform requirements on any given day will be issued a "Uniform Reminder Notice" that will be sent home to parents and a copy will be given to the principal. Notice to the parents will be required to be signed and returned the next school day. Repeated uniform violations may result in a parent/teacher/principal conference and possible disciplinary action.

Any interpretation of the guidelines is at the discretion of the Administration.

## **Uniform Expectations**

Parents are expected to help children keep the school uniform code. At Christ the Teacher Catholic School we wear uniforms because:

1. They represent our Catholic school image and tradition.
2. They discourage differences brought about by various income levels, thus eliminating unnecessary peer pressure, and allowing the attention of the students to be directed to learning.
3. They assure that the dress standards of the school emphasize neatness.
4. They promote an image of pride both at and away from school and help create a positive climate of discipline and responsibility.
5. They are less costly to families and more easily maintained.
6. They promote an attitude of moderation and modesty.

## **General Appearance Code Rules**

All clothing must . . .

- Be the correct size
- Fit properly
- Be neat, clean, and in good repair
- Under clothes should not be visible.
- No writing on hands or body.

## **Shirts**

- Polo style shirts in red, white, or navy.
- Button up shirts or blouses in white.
- All shirts worn under uniform shirts must be white with no writing.
- All shirts must have short or long sleeves; no cut off shirts.

## **Sweatshirts and Jackets**

- All students may wear a CTCS sweatshirt in the classroom.
- Other types of coats, jackets, and sweatshirts may be worn outside as needed, but not worn in the classroom.

## **Bottoms**

- Pants and shorts must be navy, twill, or corduroy material.
- Middle School: Pants and shorts can be navy or khaki.
- Loops, cargo pockets, or exterior pockets on pant legs are prohibited.
- Girls may wear jumper-style dresses or skorts in navy blue but must be no more than 3" above the knee.

## **Socks and Footwear**

- Socks must be red, white, navy, or neutral color. Both socks must be same color.
- Leggings may be worn under skirts, dresses, or skorts.

All shoes must . . .

- Be matching
- Have a back
- Have no more than a 1" heel.

\* Dress boots are allowed.

\* Snow boots are allowed outside only during inclement weather.

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## **Hair**

- A student's hairstyle should be conservative and not detract from but enrich the Christ the Teacher Catholic School learning environment.
- Hair should not be distracting.
- A student's hair must be regularly maintained, neat, and clean in appearance.
- A student's hair must be worn out of the eyes.
- Students' must maintain natural hair color. Please do not color or highlight students' hair during the school year!
- Exaggerated styles (e.g., razor cuts, designs, mohawks, excessive use of gels/spray) are not permitted.

## **Hats**

- Hats may be worn outside. Hats, sunglasses, or any other headgear (scarves, hoods), should be removed once inside.

## **Jewelry & Adornments**

- Girls may wear small post earrings in ears only; loop or dangling-type earrings are prohibited.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Rings, necklaces, and/or bracelets may be worn in moderation.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.

## **Makeup**

- Natural makeup is allowed.
- Girls may paint their nails.
- Fake nails or acrylic nails are not allowed.

## **PE Uniform**

K-5 = Same as the daily uniform.

6-8 = Students must change clothes for PE class and return to regular attire. Students may wear any CTCS t-shirt/sweatshirt. Tank tops are not permitted. Students may wear appropriate athletic shorts or sweatpants. Black athletic shorts/sweatpants are recommended.

Spandex-style shorts, uniform shorts, yoga pants/tight-fitting pants are not permitted for PE. Students must wear tennis shoes or sport shoes.

## **Non-Uniform Days**

### ***CTCS Spirit Fridays***

New for the 2022-2023 school year, the appearance code on Fridays is slightly modified to support CTCS Spirit Fridays. ALL regular policies regarding appearance and school attire are the same EXCEPT:

- Students may wear any style of shirt so long as it is a "Christ the Teacher Catholic School" shirt and includes CTCS logos/branding. Shirts purchased on the school's Sideline Store with BSN are acceptable. However, shirts must still be modest, neat, clean, and in good repair.

### ***"Fun Dress Days"***

On special occasions and with ample notice, "Fun Dress Days" may be awarded to students, classes, grades, and the entire school. "Fun Dress Days" are opportunities to come to school in a more relaxed dress code. However, there are still regulations:

- Shirts do not have to have a collar or be a certain color. Sweatshirts are also permitted. Any shirt/sweatshirt with words or logos must appropriately recognize Christian values and be respectful to all students. This is not the opportunity for political statements. Tank tops, muscle shirts, midriff-bearing shirts, sheer clothing, and tight tops are still not permitted.
- Jeans, shorts/skirts (no higher than 3" above the knee), athletic shorts, and sweatpants are permitted but must be free of holes, patches, and frays. Tight-fitting bottoms and yoga pants are still not permitted.
- Students may wear any style of sock so long as they are matching, appropriate/non-offensive.
- All other categories (jackets, footwear, hair, hats, jewelry/adornments, makeup) of the appearance code remain unchanged on "Fun Dress Days".

Interpretation of the appearance code is under the discretion of the administration. If you have questions about the appropriateness of a clothing item or any condition of the appearance code, please contact Mr. Lamb. It's suggested families do this before removing tags from clothing and wearing it. This also pertains to hair styling, nails, tattoos, makeup, etc.