



Columbus Catholic Middle School Dress Code (Revised 6/30/2021)

Columbus Catholic believes that following an established dress code is an integral part of the preparation of your son/daughter for life in future professional, academic, and religious environments. Faculty and students at Columbus Catholic are expected to dress in a God-pleasing manner with focus on the dignity of the human body. It is Columbus Catholic's expectation that parents will offer proper guidance to their son/daughter in matters of dress.

DSP 5690 (Diocesan School Policy 5690) states that the manner of dress helps the student grow in the virtue of modesty which is at the foundation of self-respect and respect of others. It further states that dress codes safeguard & promote the Christian learning environment and that expectations are raised positively when there is a different style of dress for school than for other more casual and relaxed venues. For additional reflection on clothing choices, refer to [CCC 2522 \(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2522\)](#).

The dress code is in effect from the time the students enter the building and remains in effect until their departure. Any exceptions to the dress code will be announced during morning or afternoon announcements. Violations are to be addressed immediately. Students in violation may be asked to change, given detention (for 3 or more violations), and/or have parents notified. The faculty and administration of Columbus Catholic have final determination on the acceptability of student dress in cases where there is a difference of opinion.

Students may not Wear

- Blue Jeans
- Yoga pants, jeggings, or other tight-fitting pants
- T-shirts (other than Columbus Catholic T-shirts on designated days)
- Torn/non-hemmed clothing
- Clothing/accessories with large brand names/logos/symbols/pictures
 - Brand names/logos/symbols/pictures must be smaller than 3.5"x3"
- Shirts that expose the midriff or are sheer, exposing back or shoulders (may wear sheer overlays provided tank top requirements are met)
- Hats or bandanas
- Slippers
- Flip-flops (any footwear with a strip of material between the big and first toe which lacks an ankle and/or heel strap) or athletic sandals
- Crocs are not permitted on Mass days
- Visible undergarments
 - Exposed boxers
 - Visible bra straps
- Racerback or spaghetti strap tops (lasagna straps ok)
- Visible tattoos, writing on hands or arms

School Apparel

- Columbus Catholic T-shirts, sweatshirts and “hoodies” may be worn on Fridays and other designated spirit days

Jackets

- Plain colored or Columbus Catholic fleece collared ¼ zip and full zip jackets may be worn during non-Mass days

Senior Privilege

- Seniors may wear the sweatshirt of any Catholic university/college on Fridays
- Seniors may wear the sweatshirt of the university/college to which they have been accepted on Fridays

Shorts

- Non-athletic shorts are acceptable except in the months of November, December, January, February, and March
- Shorts must extend to the knee or below

Physical Education

- Shorts must extend to the knee or below or leggings need to be worn underneath
- T-shirts cannot be cut, torn, or altered
- Non-marking athletic shoes are required

Young Women

- Shirts:
 - Button-up, blouse, polo, turtleneck, sweaters, or other dress shirts (not tight)
 - Shirts must meet modesty standards especially concerning the neckline and backline (no cleavage or necklines that go beyond 4 fingers from collarbone front or back), no visible bra straps (bras cannot be visible through shirt material)
 - If a top is a sheer overlay, a tank top meeting the requirements above needs to be worn underneath
- Pants:
 - Dress slacks, capris, colored jeans, or cargo pants worn at the natural waistline
- Dresses/Skirts:
 - Must have a hemline that extends to the knee or below
 - Must meet all modesty standards in regards to the neckline, midriff, and tightness when worn
- Shoes: Dress shoes, tennis shoes, or acceptable sandals must be safe and remain on the feet
- Hair: must be well-groomed, may not be dyed a non-natural color including streaks, and may not be an extreme style
- **MASS DRESS:**
 - Dress slacks with blouse or dress shirt (NO colored jeans)
 - Skirt with blouse or dress shirt
 - Dress
 - Dress shoes, dress flats, or dress sandals must be worn on Mass days (Solid colored canvas shoes are permitted)

- **No athletic shirts or Columbus Catholic sweatshirts/hoodies/fleece may be worn at any time on Mass days**

Young Men

- Shirts:
 - button-up, other dress shirts, polo, or collared shirts
 - Shirts must be tucked in, if so designed
- Sweaters: crew-neck, or V-neck
- Pants: dress slacks, docker-style, or cargo pants worn at the natural waistline
- Shoes: dress shoes, tennis shoes, or acceptable sandals must be safe and remain on the feet
- Hair: must be well-groomed, may not be dyed a non-natural color including streaks, and may not be an extreme style
- **MASS DRESS:**
 - Tucked in button-down shirt and appropriate length tie must be worn with dress pants, dockers, or khaki pants (no cargo pants)
 - A sports coat/blazer, dress sweater, or sweater vest may be worn with a shirt and tie
 - **No athletic shirts or Columbus Catholic sweatshirts/hoodies/fleece may be worn at any time on Mass days**

Additional Comments:

All clothing should be neat, clean, fit reasonably, be modest, and be in good condition. Student appearance should be neat, well-groomed, and dignified. Please remember that due to growth and frequent washings, clothing that met dress code stipulations in September may not be appropriate later in the year.

Backpacks

Backpacks are useful for students as an organizational tool; however, they can be hazardous to teachers who are circulating in their classrooms and are a definite safety hazard if left in the hallways.

- Backpacks must be left in the lockers during the school day.

Mission Club Dress Down Fundraisers

Dress Down Days are an opportunity for students and faculty to support various different charities. Those charities are selected by Mission Club. On dress down days students are allowed to wear clothes outside of the normal dress code, provided they are meeting the modesty requirements in the dress code above. Clothing must be school appropriate; graphics and/or advertisement of illegal substances, inappropriate or offensive graphics, references to sex, drugs, profanity, racial or ethnic slurs are in violation of Ts and jeans guidelines. Jeans cannot have holes or frays and must remain at waist level. (No sagging, low rise, low riding pants) Leggings are not permitted but sweatpants are ok.

Mission Club Advisors, Dean of Students and Principal reserves the right to modify this statement as necessary and reserves the right to determine what might be disruptive, unsafe or inappropriate.