

# DRESS CODE



UPDATED FOR 2009-2010

## CARLISLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE 2009-2010

*The following dress code guidelines are designed to let parents and students know what dress is acceptable for all school related events and activities. Carlisle students are expected to exhibit neatness in their appearance and use good taste in their choice of clothes at all times. All of us associated with Carlisle School take great pride in our students and in our school. Representing the school is both an honor and a responsibility, which we all should take seriously.*

*Accordingly, we have established guidelines that provide for neatness and a sense of pride without taking away all sense of individuality and choice. We have endeavored to set standards that are age appropriate. We are sure we can rely upon parents, students and faculty to work together to continue our efforts to ensure that our students dress in a manner that reflects the mission and character of Carlisle School. At Carlisle we are preparing students to be the leaders of tomorrow.*

*While on campus, students are expected to remain in dress code until:*

- *Time to change into a costume, or uniform for a co-curricular activity.*
- *They leave campus.*
- *They join the extended day program.*

***The Dress Code does not pertain to students in Preschool and Kindergarten.***

### **I. DRESS CODE GUIDELINES FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR**

*Warm weather exceptions may apply. (See part II)*

Winter coats/outerwear are not permitted in the classroom. Clothing should always be clean and neatly pressed, not ripped, unsightly or ostentatious.

#### **FOOTWEAR:**

- Dress shoes are appropriate at all times.
- Sneakers are appropriate except with representative dress.
- For safety reasons, all footwear with laces must be laced up.
- For safety reasons, women's shoes must have no higher than a 2" heel.

#### **SKIRTS - DRESSES:**

- Skirts and dresses must fall no shorter than mid-thigh or 4" above the center of the knee.
- No spaghetti strap topped, backless, or tube-topped dresses or shirts are permitted. Clothing must not reveal cleavage or expose the midriff or underclothing.

#### **PANTS:**

- Pants must be worn at the waist, not bagging or sagging.
- They must not have holes, tears, splits, or excessive ornamentation (i.e., chains, hand-drawing).

## BELTS:

### Males

- Buckled belts must be worn with all pants and shorts that have belt loops.

### Females

- Belts must be worn with all pants, shorts, and skirts that have belt loops.

## SHIRTS (male & female):

Students must wear one of these two options, as detailed in the next paragraph: (1) 'School-spirit' clothing, as detailed below; (2) a collared shirt, turtleneck, long-sleeved sweater or non-collared blouse

### CHOICE 1- "School Spirit"

- Students may wear any shirt, T-shirt, or sweatshirt (collars are not necessary under the sweatshirt) with the Carlisle School name at any time except for representative dress days. The school name must be a school-approved Carlisle logo or Carlisle name brand. Clothing must be in its original form (no home-made Carlisle logos).
- All shirts except sweatshirts or sweaters must be long enough to be kept tucked in. Sweatshirts and sweaters must be long enough not to 'ride-up' and expose midriff.

### CHOICE 2-

- Collared shirt, long or short sleeved turtleneck shirt (mock is acceptable), or short sleeved or long-sleeved sweater. NOTE: Lower division students are not required to wear a collared shirt.
- Message and/or logos on shirts, hoodies or jackets must not be profane, vulgar, indecent, or promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any product or lifestyle that would negatively reflect on Carlisle School or the school environment.
- Shirt waistline must be long enough to be tucked in and not expose the midriff, back or underwear when reaching or bending.
- Shirts must not expose cleavage.
- No T-shirts may be worn (except as in Choice #1 above).

## HAIR:

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Males' hair is not to be worn below the base of the collar.
- Males may not wear ponytails.
- Ostentatious (non- natural) coloring or style is not permitted.

## FACIAL HAIR/FACIAL ORNAMENTATION:

- Facial hair/facial ornamentation is not permitted (exceptions may be made for verifiable religious reasons.)
- Males may wear one earring in each ear (except at Closing Exercises and Commencement).

## HATS / SUNGLASSES:

- Hats and all other forms of head covers are not permitted inside during the school day.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside during the school day.

II. CHANGES TO DRESS CODE ALLOWED DURING WARM WEATHER MONTHS  
(Until Thanksgiving break and beginning again after Spring Break):

- Socks do not need to be worn with sandals, sneakers, or shoes.
- Skorts or shorts (dress or walking shorts) may be worn. They must be no shorter than mid-thigh or 4" above the center of the knee.
- Shorts must be worn at the waist, not bagging or sagging.
- Shorts may not have holes, tears or splits.
- Non-Carlisle logo athletic shorts or t-shirts are not allowed.
- Flip-flop type or sandal-like footwear must have leather upper and/or sole.
- Girls may wear Capri (mid-calf length) pants.
- Shorts may be worn for Representative Dress.

III. PERFORMANCE/STAGE DRESS:

The director or sponsor of the activity will determine performance dress. (Unless otherwise stated, representative dress is in effect.)

IV. REPRESENTATIVE DRESS

The following dress is required when students are participating in activities of a more formal nature at, or away from school. Such activities include all sports contests, concerts, special events, sports banquets, closing exercises, field trips, etc...

LOWER DIVISION

- Blue, yellow, or white collared knit shirt or blouse (girls) with Carlisle logo.
- Tan pants for males.
- Tan skirts or pants for females.
- Dress shoes, or sneakers with socks for males.
- Dress shoes, or sneakers for females.

MIDDLE AND UPPER DIVISIONS

Males

- Dress slacks - plain or pleated front. (No cargo pants, carpenter pants, or blue jeans).
- Carlisle logo polo shirt or blue, yellow, or white dress shirt with a Carlisle School tie, or no tie if wearing a Carlisle logo dress shirt.
- Dark dress shoes (no sneakers).
- Dark (crew length) socks.

Females

- Skirt or dress slacks.
- Blue, yellow, or white collared Carlisle logo blouse, or polo shirt, collared knit shirt, or sweater.
- Dress shoes with no higher than 2" heels (no sneakers).

V. COMMENCEMENT AND CLOSING EXERCISES 5-12 DRESS

Males

Grades 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11

- White dress shirt and Carlisle tie, khaki dress slacks, dark socks and dress shoes.

Grades 5, 8 and 12

- Navy sport coat, white dress shirt, khaki dress slacks and a Carlisle tie, dark socks and dress shoes.

Females

Grades 5-12

- Dress or skirt and blouse, dress shoes or sandals.

NO SHORTS, HIGH HEEL SHOES OR SNEAKERS, PLEASE!

### DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Senior Males

Blue blazer, school badge, Carlisle tie, white dress pants, white dress shirt, black dress shoes and dark socks. The school will furnish boutonnieres.

No earrings allowed in either ear.

Senior Girls

White formal (Sunday) dress of appropriate length (no spaghetti straps – no strapless) with matching white shoes (no higher than 2” heels). Any female not in proper attire will be given a white sweater and be required to wear it. The school will furnish flowers.

#### VI. ATHLETIC ATTIRE

Practice: All participants must wear an athletic t-shirt. Shorts, skirts, socks, and appropriate footwear must also be worn.

#### VII. CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS:

Any questions concerning a student’s attire are to be sent to the director. The administrator will determine appropriateness of the response to the violation. If the clothing worn by the student is deemed inappropriate, one of the following actions may be taken:

- The student may be directed not to wear the particular item (or similar item) to school again.
- The student may be asked to call home to request that a change of clothes be brought to school.
- A letter may be sent to the parent/guardian.
- The student may be required to wear clothing supplied by the school, for the day.
- The student may be assigned after school detention.
- A parent/student conference may be assigned.
- Repeated violations of the dress code may be viewed as willful and deliberate non-compliance with the dress code and could result in in-school or out-of-school suspension for 1-3 days.

*\*\* If there is a question concerning the appropriateness of clothing not covered by these guidelines, the school director will make the final judgment as to whether or not the student’s dress is appropriate. The director may make exception to a dress code item for a student due to medical or personal reasons.*