

Crossroads Academy Dress Code 2023-2024

The dress code at Crossroads Academy is a natural extension of the school's academic standards and goals. While dress does not determine behavior, there is ample evidence to suggest that it affects attitude and school spirit. In dress, tone, and deed, the attitude we wish to foster is that school is a special place and that learning is a distinctive and important enterprise while allowing opportunity for self-expression. We expect parents/guardians to support the Crossroads community by helping their children to adhere to the school dress code policy.



General:

- Clothes must fit well, be clean and appropriate*, and be free of rips or tears.
- No images, embellishments, or words other than Crossroads Academy (brands, logos, pictures or large print) on any garments.
- Plain and simple works best.

Shoes:

- Sneakers
- Boat shoes (top-siders)
- Sandals with a heel strap

- Dress shoes
- Boots

Bottoms:

- Shorts or pants must reach mid-thigh (no denim, athletic, or running shorts)
 - Grades K-3 may wear pants (no denim, athletic, running, or jeggings) with an elastic waistband.
 - No cut-off shorts.
- Skirts or Dresses must reach mid-thigh
 - Shorts/tights/leggings must be worn under skirts or dresses in the Lower School

Tops:

- Clean and un-tattered shirt, blouse, or sweater that covers shoulders (polo, button down/oxford, plain tee, or sleeveless) that are plain colored or have patterns.
 - Length must always connect with shorts/pants/skirt at all times (must be long enough to tuck in (if the top does not tuck in, the students must wear a tee/undershirt under the shirt).
 - No images, embellishments, or words (brands, logos, large print).
 - No sweatshirts or hoodies.

Hats/Hoods:

May only be worn outdoors. Must be removed once indoors unless for medical reasons which should be communicated with the Head of School or School Nurse. Religious headwear/coverings are welcome.

Other Occasions:

- **Spirit Days:**
 - Any clean, un-tattered tops, including sweatshirts or hoodies, of length that connect with shorts/pants/skirt at all times (must be long enough to tuck in), and feature the Crossroads logo or name may be worn.
 - Denim bottoms of appropriate length, un-tattered with no holes, may be worn with a Crossroads top.
- **PE Class:**
 - Requires clean, dry sneakers and appropriate clothing for physical activity.
- **Inclement Weather:**
 - Students should come to school with outer clothing appropriate for the weather. Rain and snow clothing, including snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves are required for students to play outside. Kindly label outerwear with your child's name. Hats and hoods must be removed upon entering a building.

If a student does not meet dress code expectations: The school will send a note home as a reminder and contact parents as needed.

***Appropriate:** Defined by a student advisory council in 2020-2021 as: *“dressing with dignity, not flashy, revealing, offensive, divisive, or promotional. Professional attire for an educational or active environment is encouraged.”*

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