



## CTA Independence Dress Code

An enforced dress code will contribute to the CTA’s academic environment. The guidelines will meet or exceed the CUSD guidelines. Hybrid schools may follow CUSD Dress Code guidelines. Just as dress codes address professional standards in the workplace, the CTA “prescribed” dress code promotes the purpose of academics. “Prescribed Dress” means that all students are expected to dress in a neat attractive fashion reflecting pride in themselves and their school. It is both the parents’ and the child’s responsibility to ensure compliance with these standards. The CTA’s mandatory dress code options are as follows:

<p><b>MONDAY-THURSDAY: Girl’s Bottoms:</b>  <b>Pants/Capris</b>– Plain dark navy blue or khaki  <b>Jeans</b> – Plain dark navy-blue denim (no fading, holes/ripped, logos, or designs)  <b>Shorts/skirts</b> – Solid plain navy blue or khaki (must be of modest length)  <b>Dress/jumper</b> – Solid plain navy blue, red, or khaki (no pin stripes or designs). Jumpers must have a solid collared navy-blue, red, or white shirt underneath.  <b>Tights or leggings</b> – Solid navy, white, or red (can only be worn under jumpers, skirts, or dresses).            No tight fitting or big/baggy bottoms will be allowed.</p>	<p><b>MONDAY-THURSDAY: Boy’s Bottoms:</b>  <b>Pants</b> – Plain dark navy blue or khaki  <b>Jeans</b> – Plain dark navy-blue denim (no fading, holes/ripped, logos, or designs)  <b>Shorts</b> – Plain dark navy blue or khaki and must be of modest length- approximately to the knee. No tight fitting or big/baggy bottoms will be allowed.</p>
<p><b>MONDAY-THURSDAY: Girl’s and Boy’s Tops:</b>            A collared <b>SOLID</b> navy blue, red, or white shirt with sleeves            All shirts must be solid in color with no pin stripes or logos of any kind except for a CTA campus-specific logo shirt.  <b>ALL shirts must be tucked in.</b>             When long sleeved shirts are worn under the collared shirt, the shirts must be red, white, or navy blue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The collared shirt and the long-sleeved shirt do not have to be the same color, i.e., red can be worn with white or navy blue, navy blue can be worn with red or white, and white can be worn with red and navy blue.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FRIDAYS:</b>            Students must wear their spirit shirts (with the school mascot), PTO sponsored shirt, class shirt, or their red, white, or navy blue collared uniform shirt. Schools may prescribe alternate Friday dress. <b>All shirts must be tucked in.</b></p>	<p><b>SHOES:</b>            Shoes must adhere securely at the heel and be tied properly if they were designed to do so. (Flip-flops and heelys are not acceptable). Open-toed shoes are acceptable as long as they adhere to the heel.            On scheduled P.E. days, students are expected to wear tennis shoes to ensure safety.</p>
<p><b>Hair and accessories</b>            All jewelry will remain on the owner. Jewelry shall be worn in the manner designed. Pierced body jewelry, other than earrings in the ears, is not to be allowed. Hair shall be neatly groomed. Appropriate hairstyles and cuts, as well as natural hair colors, are acceptable. Bangs shall be worn above the eyebrows or pinned away from the eyes. No face make-up or eye make-up shall be worn at school. No hats shall be worn at school except hats approved by the teacher or principal for sun protection on the playground.</p>	
<p><b>OUTERWEAR:</b>            Outerwear, including sweaters and sweatshirts, worn in the classroom must be predominantly navy, red, or white. A very small logo on the front of the solid navy, red, or white outerwear is acceptable. If the outerwear is worn outside and not inside the building, it may be any color.</p>	

Issues of improper dress are addressed by the teacher. Repeat offenders shall be counseled by the principal, and final decisions on dress code shall be made at the discretion of the principal.

### Parents

Parents are urged to discuss the CTA dress code with their children to foster thorough understanding. If questions occur, the health assistant, teacher, or principal may be contacted.