

## **CIS MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE – 2010-2011**

**At Columbia Independent School, we want to maintain a positive learning environment and a positive image of the school. Students are expected to dress appropriately, which can be achieved by following these guidelines:**

### **For all students:**

1. All clothes will be clean, in good repair, inoffensive, and appropriate for a school environment.
2. Clothing must be free of graphics, writing, or brand names; an exception will be made for small logos.
3. No gap should exist between a student's shirt and pants.
4. Shoes will be worn at all times. Students should wear footwear that allows for their safety in the school environment.
5. Jeans, athletic pants, and army fatigues are not appropriate attire.
6. Official CIS sweatshirts may be worn during the school day. Other athletic sweatshirts may not be worn. Coats/jackets should be worn only during outside activities.
7. Hats should not be worn in the building.

### **Additionally for young men:**

1. All shirts will have collars (turtleneck collars are acceptable; mock turtleneck collars are not). An exception will be made for official CIS sweatshirts.
2. Shirttails must be tucked in, except for straight-hemmed shirts, which may be left out.

### **Additionally for young women:**

1. Shirts or blouses must provide full coverage. They must not have narrow straps, be low-cut, or be revealing.
2. Blouses of sheer, see-through material are prohibited unless worn with clothing that provides full coverage underneath.
3. Skirts and shorts must have a length that is closer to the knee than to the hip (Bermuda shorts and walking shorts are examples of acceptable shorts). Denim skirts, mini-skirts, and short shorts are prohibited.

### **Physical Education classes:**

1. All students must wear navy blue athletic shorts with a length that is closer to the knee than to the hip, or navy blue athletic pants.
2. All students must wear official CIS t-shirts or sweatshirts. Students are provided with at least one t-shirt each year, and may purchase additional shirts through the spirit store.

**A student who is not in compliance with the CIS Dress Code may be subject to one of the following consequences:**

1. If possible, the student will be given appropriate attire to wear for the day, launder, and return the next day.
2. Parents will be contacted in order to bring in clothes. If clothes cannot be delivered, the student may be subject to an in-school suspension for the remainder of the day during which they will work on assignments for that day.
3. Repeated offenses may result in further disciplinary action.

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