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## **Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School Dress Code 2016-17**

Chaminade recognizes that a person's appearance is indicative of their positive self-image and ability to be self-disciplined. However, what is appropriate appearance in recreational or leisure situations may not be appropriate in the school environment. The school requires that a student come to school clean, well-groomed, and with their clothing laundered and in good condition.

The school has used the following in determining the Chaminade uniform dress code:

1. The dress code is designed to minimize fashion competition among students and reflect their readiness for serious academic endeavor.
2. The appearance of the student will NOT reflect any connections to groups NOT acceptable to the philosophy and goals of Chaminade.

Students should always be in uniform unless otherwise specified. Students who come to school in appropriately dressed will not be permitted to attend any classes until a change of clothing is brought for them. The Office of the Dean is responsible for interpreting, implementing, and enforcing the dress code policy and as such is the final arbiter, in most cases, in determining what is the appropriate school dress. On special occasions, such as Mass, students may be required to wear more formal clothing. They will be notified well in advance to make appropriate arrangements.

### **Daily Dress Code**

The following items of dress are required: Dennis Uniforms (pants/shorts/skirts only) and the Boosters (polo shirts, sweaters, P.E. Uniforms, and sweatshirts) are **the official vendors** for all uniform items. Chaminade polo shirts and sweatshirts for athletic teams or extracurricular activities are also permitted.

### **Shirts**

All students can wear white or navy blue polo shirts with the approved Chaminade logo. Shirts should be tucked in at all times. Only plain white short-sleeve t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts. Plain white or navy blue interlock knit turtlenecks or undershirts (no logos) may be worn under the uniform shirt for warmth. Polo shirts with the approved Chaminade logo may be purchased from the Chaminade Athletic Boosters Organization.

### **Pants/Walking Shorts**

Students can wear either walking shorts or pants as part of their uniform. The only acceptable color of these pants or shorts is brownish, "paper bag" khaki. Both pants and shorts should have flat front and belt loops. They must not be frayed at the ends nor should they be

oversized or ill-fitting. Shorts may not be more than three inches above the knee or one inch below the knee. Uniform pants and shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company. Dickey shorts and pants (or other brands) are not allowed.

### **Skirts**

Girls may wear: Lt. Navy Gabardine Pleated Skirt and Lt. Navy Gabardine Box Pleat Skirt sold by Dennis Uniform Company. All new skirts purchased at Dennis Uniform Company are to have the Chaminade logo. Additionally, the navy/green plaid skirts with stitched down pleats as previously approved are acceptable through June 2017. All skirts require navy bike shorts to be worn underneath. Skirt length must be at the middle of the knee. Girls may wear white or navy blue tights or leggings. If they do, they must wear uniform socks.

### **Socks/Shoes**

Full white crew socks are to be worn with all footwear (no colored socks, peds, anklets, or knee-high socks). All-black, all-white, or a combination of black and white dress or athletic shoes in good repair may be worn. Shoes should fit tastefully with the uniform. Shoelaces should either be black or white. The following are not permitted: slippers, moccasins, sandals, high heels, jellies, patent leather, platform shoes, open-toed shoes, hiking and/or work boots (boots of any kind), UGGs, or Doc Martens.

### **Physical Education Uniform**

Wearing the P.E. uniform is restricted to the gym and P.E. fields. It should not be worn in the classrooms, library, the administration building, or the Student Center. Only navy blue gym shorts and heather gray T-shirts both with the Chaminade logo (purchased from Chaminade Athletic Boosters organization) are allowed.

### **Sweatshirts/Jackets/Sweaters**

Official Chaminade navy blue sweatshirts and sweaters purchased from Chaminade Athletic Boosters or through school clubs/teams are allowed. Any navy blue sweatshirts or sweaters with the Chaminade logo are permitted as part of the regular school uniform. Uniform shirts must be worn underneath the sweatshirt/sweater. In cold weather, only solid brown, green, navy blue, or black jackets with no logos, patches, or writing are allowed. Jackets may have a hood but may not be worn indoors. Zippered sweatshirts are not considered jackets.

### **Miscellaneous**

No gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, sunglasses, or ear warmers are to be worn on campus. Belts on shorts and pants are encouraged. These belts may be navy, black, or khaki. Large belt buckles are not permitted.

### **Grooming**

Neatness, good grooming, and a traditional hairstyle are in keeping with the code. For boys,

extreme or faddish styles including body piercing are not acceptable. Steps, spikes, shaved heads, and faux hawks are unacceptable. Hair length can be no shorter than a #2 barber's blade or 1/2 of an inch. Students who violate this rule will be sent home until hair grows out to an acceptable length. Hair length can be no longer than the top of the collar of the uniform shirt. Additionally, boys may not have hairstyles that cover their eyes or ears completely. Hair color must be a student's natural color. Highlighting is not acceptable. Male students must be clean-shaven at all times.

For girls, extreme or faddish styles including body piercing are not acceptable. Hair color must be a student's natural color. Girls are not allowed to wear extensions, have highlights, wear feathers, or have any type of non-natural additions to their hair.

### **Jewelry**

Jewelry may be worn in moderation (one necklace, one bracelet or cloth wristband, one pair of stud earrings). Oversized and/or dangling earrings are not permitted. Boys may not wear earrings of any type.

### **Cosmetics**

Girls may wear only pale colored or clear lipstick. Only very moderate makeup is acceptable. Clear nail polish or French tips are acceptable.

The Administration has the discretion and final decision to decide what is acceptable or unacceptable in regards to grooming, hair length, and the uniform code.

## **Liturgy Dress Code**

School Masses generally require that students be in their daily uniforms. The annual Founders' Day and other special occasions require the following special "dressy dress" code to be observed by all students:

For boys, long slacks – uniform or dress slacks are acceptable (no baggy pants). If uniform pants are worn, they need to be freshly washed and pressed to appear to be a dress slack. A belt, collared dress shirt (long or short sleeve), tie (appropriate and tasteful for this occasion - appropriate bow ties are acceptable), and dress shoes or clean school shoes and socks are required.

For girls, an appropriate daytime dress or skirt and blouse (an all-black dress or all-black skirt and blouse ensemble are not appropriate daytime attire). Pants, culottes, and shorts are not appropriate for this special liturgy. Spaghetti strap dresses may be worn only if they have a jacket or blouse worn over it. Jackets must be kept on all day. Beach-type sun dresses or tops may not be worn. Dresses should be tasteful and modest. Solid colors, pastels, or floral prints are most appropriate for this occasion. Black and white clothing with black backgrounds and other colors are acceptable. Parents should also follow the same guidelines for skirt length as required for uniform skirts. Dress shoes or clean school shoes (may be open-toe) must be

worn.

## **Spirit Dress**

Spirit Dress is offered at different times throughout the year, including noon dismissal days. Clothing must not be form-fitting, revealing, or ripped.

### ***The following items are the only acceptable clothing on Spirit Dress days:***

1. Orange Chaminade Spirit T-shirt (purchased through Chaminade)
2. Blue jeans or uniform bottoms
3. Sneakers (any color) with socks (any color/style)
4. Daily uniform dress code applies to sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, grooming, jewelry, and cosmetics

## **House Dress**

House dress is offered on House Meeting days. On those days, clothing must not be form-fitting, revealing, or ripped. All regulations listed under the grooming, jewelry, and cosmetics codes apply on House Dress days.

### ***The following items are the only acceptable clothing on Spirit Dress days:***

1. Student House T-shirt (purchased through Chaminade)
2. Blue jeans or uniform bottoms
3. Sneakers (any color) with socks (any color/style)
4. Daily uniform dress code applies to sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, grooming, jewelry, and cosmetics

## **Free Dress**

Free Dress occasions are granted by the Administration. On those days, clothing must be in good taste and appropriate for school. Clothes should not be form fitting, revealing, or ripped. All regulations listed under the grooming, jewelry, and cosmetics codes apply on free dress days.

### ***The following items are not acceptable on free dress days.***

1. Overalls, sweat pants, cutoffs, leggings, acrylic pants, short shorts, shorts with lengths below the knee, bicycle shorts, long underwear, or oversized/baggy clothing
2. Backless, sleeveless, dresses or skirts with inappropriate slits, halter tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, or bare midriffs
3. Yoga pants, or tight, form-fitting clothes
4. Military type clothing
5. Extremely short skirts
6. Tattoos (permanent or otherwise), or writing on arms, legs, etc.
7. Sandals, jellies, boots, open-toed shoes, or backless shoes (UGGS may be worn on free dress days, but not at liturgies or on "dressy dress" days)
8. T-shirts with objectionable slogans/ pictures (drugs, gangs, alcohol, music groups, inappropriate language, or satanic references)

9. Hats, gloves, sunglasses, wallet chains, or earrings for boys

Questions about a particular article of clothing should be directed to the Deans of Students.