



THE CAMPUS LABORATORY SCHOOL *of Carlow University*

DRESS CODE

The Campus Laboratory School has adopted a dress code and uniform policy with the goal of supporting equitable educational access. The policy is written in the spirit of respecting diversity. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently while respecting the values of others in the spirit of Mercy values. In that spirit, we ask that families alert the Head of School to any considerations needed for modification that has not been considered below.

We are committed to the importance of a school uniform for several reasons: to allow students to focus on a rigorous academic program of students; as an outward sign and pride in our community; and as a symbol of the mission calling us to a culture of Mercy values. Many of our students will continue their education in a private high school setting and a uniform code prepares students for the next level of their education.

Campus Laboratory School strictly prohibits clothing or accessories that reasonably can be construed as being, implying or including content that is racist, lewd, vulgar, obscene or hate speech.

Reggio-Inspired Preschool, Montessori 3-6, and Kindergarten

Students in these programs are not required to follow the uniform code.

Grades 1 – 8

Please observe the following dress code when shopping for school clothes for students in grades 1-8: Please label your child's name or initials on each item.

1. Shirts

Colors: Classic Navy, Chambray Blue, or White only.

Styles: Polo (i.e. collared) or turtleneck shirts with sleeves.

Logo: Logo is not required; however, Lands' End supplies shirts with The Campus School logo.

2. Pants

Colors: Classic Navy or Khaki slacks only.

Styles: Pants must be dress pants. **No cargo pants or cargo shorts. Tight-fitting pants are NOT permitted.** Navy, White or Black solid color leggings may be worn **under skirts or shorts.**

3. Jumpers, skirts, shorts and skorts

Colors: Classic Navy, Khaki or Classic Navy Plaid. **Classic Navy Plaid (Lands' End)**

Styles: Shorts, jumpers and skirts must have bottom hems at least as long as the tips of the middle finger when arms are fully extended at the student's sides.

4. Sweatshirts and Sweaters

Colors: Classic Navy, White, Light Blue or Black.

Styles: Pullover sweatshirts, sweaters, or cardigan styles are acceptable. All sweatshirts/sweaters must be free from decoration and LOGO or Brand free. **Hoods cannot be worn during school hours.**

5. Shoes

Colors: Black, Brown, or Navy Blue only.

Styles: Shoes with no open toes or heels. Logos on shoes must be the same color as the shoe so as not to be visible. A pair of tennis shoes should be kept in the classroom for gym.

6. Socks

Colors: Solid Classic Navy, White, Light Blue or Black.

Styles: Ankle or knee. Similar color tights are also acceptable.

7. Gym Uniform *All gym clothes should be labeled.*

Shirt: Carlow or CLS t-shirts are permitted. Official gym shirts are available for purchase (\$10) from the office but are not required.

Shorts: Students may wear their own **navy blue** athletic shorts which must have bottom hems at least as long as the tips of the middle finger when arms are fully extended at the student's sides. **Short Athletic shorts are NOT permitted. Students may choose to wear navy, black or gray leggings underneath gym shorts.**

Shoes: Clean, dry athletic shoes are required.

- *Students will wear their gym uniform to school on their assigned gym day and it is considered a school uniform; it will be enforced as such. Also, the gym is often very warm, and the students should wear the gym shirt and shorts under their sweat suit.*
- *During cool weather, an **official Carlow Sweatshirt** and **navy blue** or **black** sweat pants may be worn over the gym uniform. (These may be ordered through the CS Athletics Boosters Association every fall.)*
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Campus Laboratory School will honor and respect head coverings for religious purposes, however hats and hoods are not to be worn in the building.

Please be advised that the Campus Laboratory School Administration reserves the right to regulate any clothing or accessory concern that is distracting or disruptive to the learning environment. We also reserve the right to send any child home to change clothing that is not in compliance with these regulations.

Campus School uniform apparel can be purchased through Lands' End **Website:** www.landsend.com or call: 1-800-963-4816 **using Preferred School Code 9001-0123-9**

Dress-Up and Dress-Down Days

Students are expected to wear "dress-up clothes" on the first day of school and on days of liturgy, special assemblies, and school pictures or honors programs. *Examples include dresses, dress pants, skirts, blouse, dress shirts.*

Dress-down days are special days when students may wear casual clothes. Students are permitted to "dress down" on their birthday. Special days are set aside for summer birthdays as well.

Please note: the philosophy of the CLS dress code applies during both dress up and dress down days.

Unacceptable clothing

Clothing **NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ANY TIME** including dress-down days:

- T-shirts with inappropriate messages
- Tight shirts, sleeveless shirts, halter tops or spaghetti-strap tops
- Torn blue jeans or torn pants
- Tight clothing such as spandex shorts or pants (i.e., yoga pants or exercise pants)
- Short shorts
- Hats and hoods in the school building

The Campus Laboratory School reserves the right to judge the appropriateness of dress-down day attire. Parents/guardians of students who are inappropriately dressed will be required to bring a change of clothes to school for their child.