



Dress Code: Our Philosophy

The dress code at City School of the Arts unifies our school community and provides students with a clear structure in which **self-expression** can flourish. Families will be expected to buy a supply of shirts, each of which costs less than \$21 and is available in a wide variety of colors. (We will also have a limited supply of shirts available for students unable to afford this extra expense.)

Our dress code serves **three main purposes**.

- It unites our intellectual and artistic community;
- Removes unnecessary distractions, and
- Allows students to move expansively and get messy during the school day.

Guidelines

Tops: students may wear shirts purchased from our designated vendor (link below) in whatever color(s) they desire; students may layer short-sleeved T-shirts or polos over long-sleeved T-shirts.

Bottoms: students may wear any pants, skirts, or shorts that are of a **solid color**. Jeans (unembellished and not ripped) are permitted on Fridays. Athletic pants that are a solid color and unembellished/ not ripped are permitted five days a week.

Shoes: students may wear any style of closed-toe shoe, excluding heels. For safety and sanitary reasons, flip flops, slippers, and high-heels are not permitted.

Accessories: students are permitted to express their individuality through hairstyles, nail polish, and other flourishes.

Students are to comply with the above dress code on a **daily basis**. In addition:

- Hats or head coverings, except for religious purposes, are not permitted;
- Jewelry must not be excessively flashy or feature logos;
- Pants must be fitted properly so as to not fall below the waist;
- Students' midriffs may not be exposed;
- Skirts and shorts must fall three inches above the knee

Violations

Dress-code violations will be dealt with in an efficient manner, ensuring that instructional time is not lost in the process. A verbal warning will be issued for a first-time violation, followed by a lunch reflection and/or a parent phone call or meeting, if necessary. Students who are not in uniform shirts will be issued one to borrow for the day.

Purchasing

Dress code attire can be purchased at <http://www.yourstudentstyles.com/city-school-of-the-arts>.

Families can purchase individual items, and/or select a seasonal package that includes a combination of approved tops. Prices are listed here and on the above website.

- T-shirts (long-sleeve \$12) (short-sleeve \$8.99)
- Oxford shirts (long-sleeve \$20.99) (short-sleeve \$18.99)
- Polo shirts (long-sleeve \$19.99) (short-sleeve \$14.99)

- **Summer / Spring Package (25% savings)**
 - Youth Package (\$58.50) Adult Package (\$67.50)
 - Includes two short-sleeve polo shirts, two short-sleeve t-shirts, and one short-sleeve oxford shirt

- **Fall / Winter Package (10% savings)**
 - Youth Package (\$76.50) Adult Package (\$85.50)
 - Includes two long-sleeve polo shirts, two long-sleeve t-shirts, and one long-sleeve oxford shirt