



Dress Code

The dress code at New York City Charter School of the Arts reflects our learning philosophy: we provide a clear structure within which self-expression can flourish. CSA's dress code serves three main purposes:

1. Unifying us as an artistic and intellectual community;
2. Removing unnecessary distractions so students can focus on academic and artistic pursuits; and
3. Fulfilling the functional needs of CSA students.

Required Uniform Shirts & Sweatshirts

Students are required to wear a CSA uniform shirt or sweatshirt to school every day, unless otherwise approved by a CSA Staff Member.

Sweatshirts

Students may wear a uniform sweatshirt over their uniform shirt for warmth, but only CSA sweatshirts will be permitted. If students do not have a CSA shirt under their CSA sweatshirt, their sweatshirt must be fully zipped so that the logo is visible. If a student is not wearing a CSA sweatshirt, it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Pants, Shorts, & Skirts

Students may wear any color or style pant, short, or skirt (including athletic wear such as basketball shorts, leggings, or sweatpants) **except for jeans or denim** on Monday–Thursday. **Students may wear jeans or denim on Friday.** On all days jeans/pants must not be ripped, torn, or patched. Skirts and shorts must fall three inches above the knee. Leggings/tights worn with or without a skirt may be any color, but must not be ripped, torn, patched, mesh, or translucent.

Shoes

Students must wear closed toed/closed heeled shoes. Sneakers are encouraged, particularly on days when students have Fitness. High-heels and flip-flops are not permitted, as they present a serious safety hazard for students.

Other

- Hats and other head coverings are not allowed (except for religious purposes). Hats and other non-religious head coverings will be confiscated until the end of the day;



- Jewelry is permitted but may not be excessively large or have logos, flashing lights, motors, or any feature that may cause classroom distractions. Appropriateness of jewelry shall be at the discretion of the Dean of Students;
- No offensive attire, as qualified below, including backpacks, are permitted at CSA. “Offensive” may include, but is not limited to:
 - Vulgar pictures, words, or drawings;
 - Promotion or advertisement of products that are sexually related or illegal for minors (tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc.);
 - Promotion or advertisement of products that are inappropriate for minors; and
 - Profanity or prejudice language.