The dress code at City 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 CSA 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.

**Tops**
Students are required to wear a CSA uniform top, either shirt or sweatshirt, to school every day, unless otherwise approved by a CSA Staff Member. All CSA uniform tops are available online at Student Styles, [https://yourstudentstyles.com/collections/new-york-city-school-of-the-arts](https://yourstudentstyles.com/collections/new-york-city-school-of-the-arts). Uniform scholarships are available to any family upon request; please contact the main office with inquiries.

**Bottoms**
Students may wear any color or style pants, short, or skirt, including athletic wear and jeans. Shorts and skirts must fall three inches above the knee.

**Shoes**
Students may not wear open-toed or backless shoes, including flip-flops or slides, as they present a serious safety hazard for students. Students may not wear high heels exceeding one inch. Sneakers are encouraged.

**Other**
- Hats and other head coverings are not allowed, except for religious purposes. Hoodies may not be worn up. Non-religious hats and other head coverings must be removed;
- Jewelry is permitted but may not have logos, lights, motors, or any feature that may cause classroom distractions. Appropriateness of jewelry shall be at the discretion of the Dean of Students;
- Offensive attire, including backpacks, are not permitted at CSA. “Offensive” includes, 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.

**Remote Dress Code/Uniform Policy:**

- Upper garments must be long enough to cover the beltline or be tucked in during the duration of the virtual school day.
- Lower garments should be worn even if the student does not intend for them to be seen during the virtual school day.
- No head garments should be worn that will create a distraction during virtual class time and/or will hinder the student from being properly identified by staff. Sunglasses and bandanas are also not permitted to be worn during instruction. **Exceptions: are made for religious purposes, medical necessity, and school related events.**
- Offensive attire should not be worn. “Offensive” includes, 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 prejudiced language.