Dress Code

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 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.

Tops
Students are required to wear a CSA uniform top to school every day, unless otherwise approved by a CSA Staff Member. All CSA uniform tops are available online at Student Styles, link below. Uniform scholarships are available to any family who requests it; please contact the main office with inquiries.

Student Styles: https://yourstudentstyles.com/collections/new-york-city-school-of-the-arts

Sweatshirts; No Hoodies
Students may wear a CSA uniform sweatshirt over their CSA uniform top for warmth, but only CSA uniform sweatshirts will be permitted. If a student is not wearing a CSA uniform sweatshirt, it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Bottoms
Students may wear any color or style pants, short, or skirt, including athletic wear and jeans. Bottoms may not be ripped, torn, mesh, or translucent. 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, particularly on days when students have Fitness.

Other
- Hats and other head coverings, such as doo rags, are not allowed, except for religious purposes. Non-religious hats and other head coverings will be confiscated until the end of the day;
- 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.