

I.T. Creswell Middle Prep School of the Arts Dress Code Policy

Non-Standard School Attire Days

During special occasions, the administration, staff, and faculty may choose to have a non-standard school attire day. During those days students will have flexibility in their attire. However, at no time may the general rules of standard school attire be violated.

General:

- Students will wear clothing of appropriate size. Appropriate sizes are defined as no more than one size smaller or one size larger than the student's actual clothing size. There has been some confusion in the past because vendors are selling clothing that has a particular size on it, but the pants are way too tight or too saggy. To help with that, clothing must not be tight up against the skin. There should be a "flow" to the clothing that shows the clothes are large enough to fit properly. Pants, shorts, capri pants, skorts or skirts must fit at the waist and must not sag. Pants made of stretch material, such as rayon or lycra, are not allowed.
- Sweat pants, lounge pants, and pajama pants are not allowed.
- All clothing must be hemmed. No drawstrings, cut-offs or rolled-up cuffs are allowed on pants, capri pants, shorts or skirts.
- Torn clothing or see-through clothing is prohibited. This includes blouses or dresses made of chiffon, rayon, or any other see-through material.
- Clothing that advertises substances that are illegal for teens (drugs, alcohol, tobacco products) or language or writing that is otherwise inappropriate or offensive (sex, profanity, racial or ethnic slurs, gang related attire, etc.) may not be worn.
- Tattoos that display drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, or gang- or sex-related words or images must not be seen at any time.
- Chains, spiked accessories and belt buckles with concealed weapons are not permissible. Belts may not hang down as a "tail" from the belt loop.

School Spirit Days

- During School Spirit Days, students may wear T-shirts, hoodies, and sweatshirts that have the school logo and our school colors. Each Friday is a designated School Spirit Day. Other days may be designated throughout the year.
- Spirit gear must be in its original form. In other words, students may not cut out the neck or cut off the sleeves of the school spirit gear and wear it to school.
- Pants, shorts, capri pants, skorts, and jumpers must remain navy blue, black, brown, khaki, or grey, unless otherwise designated by the administration.

Daily Standard School Attire

Shirts and Tops

- Dresses with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style or turtleneck) in any solid color are acceptable.
- Shirts and tops may be any color, but they must be a solid color.

- Shirts and tops are not have large print or logos. Manufacturer print or logo must be 4 inches or less. School print and logos are not limited in size.
- Manufacturer print down the sleeve of a shirt is acceptable.
- Shirts must be tucked into pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts – both male and female.
- T-shirts may only be worn as undergarments. They must be solid color with no designs, logos, or writing.

Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, skorts, jumpers or dresses

- Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, and skorts should not be made of stretch material. These items made of 100% cotton are best for school. They may also be made with polyester or linen. Other types of material are not approved.
- Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be black, navy blue, brown, khaki, or grey. Other colors are not approved. Pants must be solid-colored.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts with elastic waistbands must be worn at the waist and do not require a belt. All other pants, shorts, skirts and skorts must be worn at the waist and those with belt loops must be worn with a belt.
- Shorts, jumpers, dresses, skirts or skorts must extend to the knee. If an outfit is called into question, the measurement will be 1 inch from the middle of the knee cap. Anything more than that is not approved.
- Denim may not be worn at any time regardless of color or texture, including stretch denim.
- “Skinny-leg” pants and tights that look like pants are not allowed.
- Sweat pants are not allowed at any time.
- Dresses must be solid color and must have a collar.
- Pants or shorts with an extra set of pockets (cargo pants) are allowed as long as they are of the correct material and color.
- Leggings, tights, and socks must be a solid color.
- Leggings and tights must be worn with an appropriate-length skirt, shorts, or pants.

Outerwear

- Outerwear such as sweaters, fleece pullover or zipper fleece, vests or blazers must be solid color. Manufacturer designs, logos, and writing must be no larger than 2 inches. School print and logos may be any size.
- Hoodies are not permitted.
- Raincoats, windbreakers, large jackets or coats are not permitted in the building. Light jackets, fleece pullovers or zipper fleece are permitted if they are solid color. Manufacturer designs, logos and writing must be no larger than 2 inches. School print and logos may be any size.

Footwear and Accessories

- Shoes must be a proper fit and must be laced up.
- Tights, leggings and socks must be a solid color. Socks that have one or two small pinstripes of color are acceptable. Socks, tights or leggings that are not solid color must be concealed by pants. They may not be visible as the student walks down the hallway.

- Sandals with a back strap are permitted.
- House shoes and flip-flops are not permitted.
- Oversized jewelry is not permitted. Earrings must be no larger than the size of a quarter for safety reasons.
- Head coverings of any type are not to be worn. Those students who observe specific religious practices that require head coverings must submit appropriate paperwork for approval to the office.
- Bandanas are not permitted.
- Headbands or scarves may not have logos or writing on them and must be solid color.