



Cleveland Early College High School Student Dress Code 2022-2023

Cleveland Early College is a school of intelligence, honor, precision, and perseverance. Our students, families, and staff are committed to maintaining the integrity and prestigious reputation of our illustrious program. Our students are honorable young men and women who have dedicated themselves to scholarship and service. They are leaders to their peers, and role models to young scholars. As such, the EC way of professionalism, dignity, and respect will not only be evident in our scholarship, but in our communication, behavior, and presentation as well. When visitors step onto our campus, they will be able to distinguish the caliber of our students both visually and academically. While maintaining the safety and pride of the early college program, careful consideration has been given to the student dress code. Through district guidance, parent and student surveys, teacher and administrative meetings, the message below contains the Cleveland Early College dress code requirements for the 2022-2023 school year. Please be advised that strict adherence to these guidelines is expected of all students. Additionally, students' compliance with these guidelines are in accordance with the student rights and responsibilities handbook.

*“The way we dress affects the way we think, the way we feel, the way we act, & the way others react to us.”
-Judith Rasband*

Cleveland Early College Dress Code Guidelines/Acceptable Attire:

Tops:

- Solid white, collared, polo-style or button-down, shirt, with short or long sleeves; Solid black or white cardigans or button-down sweaters may be worn over permitted shirt
- Not permitted: Patterned or printed shirts, hoodies, cropped shirts, designs/logos larger than 1” in diameter, see-through material

Headwear:

- Headbands of any color may be worn ONLY if they are less than 2” in width. Headbands that are not within these guidelines are not allowed.
- Not permitted: Hats, scarves, hoods, and wave caps (or any similar item) are prohibited apart from religious items

Bottoms:

- Solid black, navy blue or khaki loose-fitted pants, knee length Bermuda shorts or knee length skirts are permitted. NO JEANS
- Not permitted: Sweatpants, leggings, yoga pants, above the knee skirts or shorts, jeans

Footwear:

- Shoes may be flat, athletic, casual, or dress shoes (flat or low heel), Sandals with closed toes i.e., Crocs or Croc-Style shoes are permitted
- Not permitted: Heels over 1”, flip-flops, open-toe sandals, house shoes, or slippers

Outerwear:

- All outerwear (hats, hoodies, coats, jackets, scarves, gloves etc.) must be maintained in the student's locker during the school day. These items cannot be worn at all on campus and will not be permitted in classrooms (including hallways and in between classes).
- Please be sure that the student has a uniform-friendly sweater during winter months. No outerwear other than the allowed solid black or white sweater or school-designated items will be allowed in the classroom. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Uniforms must always be worn under approved outerwear

***Every Friday will be Spirit Day for Cleveland Early College students. Students are allowed to wear permitted uniform tops and bottoms in addition to approved denim jean options and school pride/school athletic tops. Approved blue denim options include jeans, knee length Bermuda shorts, or knee length skirts without rips or tears. Spirit items can be purchased online at:**

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/ohio/cleveland/cleveland-early-college-high-school>

For families who need support in securing uniform items please contact our school counselor for assistance. Please note that students are expected to come to school in approved uniform attire each day. Dress down days are privileges and when granted, students and parents will be informed of these days.

Special Considerations:

- STNA program students – Will be allowed to wear their lab attire and shoes any day of the week.
- Fridays – Campus-wide spirit day. Wear uniform attire OR John Hay/EC shirts and denim.
- The school will purchase each student 1 spirit wear item that can be worn on Fridays
- Student Athletes – Please always adhere to the regular dress code. John Hay athletics jackets, sports uniforms, warmups etc. can be worn on Fridays.
- Juniors and Seniors with only 1 class on campus – must abide by the uniform requirement guidelines without exception. Students are welcomed to change clothes prior to leaving campus for work or athletics as needed.

CMSD APPROPRIATE DRESS AND APPEARANCE/DRESS EXPECTATIONS

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District dress expectations are noted below and must always be followed in addition to the abovementioned school-specific guidelines.

CMSD Examples of inappropriate clothing include:

- Clothing where the buttocks or torso is exposed, i.e., tube tops, half shirts, halters
- Clothing that is see-through. (Clothing must be opaque)
- Clothing or accessories that show profanity, obscene words or pictures, sexually suggestive statements, violence, or incitement to violence
- Clothing representing gang-related activities
- Clothing where the entire thigh is exposed, such as micro minis or short shorts.
- Bathing suits or cut-offs
- The wearing and carrying of tobacco promotional items, or items promoting controlled substances (drugs) and/or alcohol
- Clothing where undergarments are exposed
- Clothing that has text or visual images that is libelous, bullying, constitutes harassment or discrimination
- Footwear must be worn at school and all functions no backless or open toe footwear

Dress Code Signature Page

I have received and read a copy of the 2022-2023 school dress code guidelines for Cleveland Early College High School. I understand and will abide by these guidelines set forth.

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

Grade Level _____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

I have received and read a copy of the 2022-2023 school dress code guidelines for Cleveland Early College High School. I understand and recognize my child's responsibility in abiding by these dress code guidelines.

Parent's Name (Please Print) _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____