

UNIFORM POLICY



COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
COSTA RICA
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

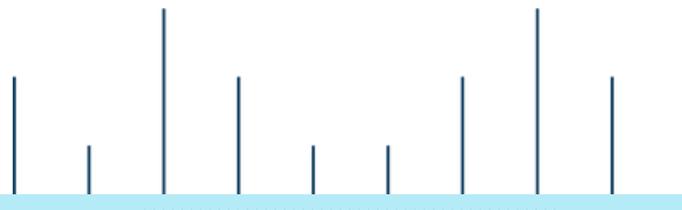
2023-2024

▶▶▶ PURPOSE:

The dress code at the Country Day School is designed to create a respectful and focused learning environment that prepares our students for the expectations of higher education and professional settings. Our dress code promotes self-expression while emphasizing professionalism, modesty, and inclusivity. By encouraging neatness, good grooming, and adherence to appropriate attire, we instill a sense of pride and discipline in our students, fostering a culture of respect, equality, and academic excellence. Our dress code prepares students to present themselves with confidence and professionalism, reflecting the values of our institution and shaping their future success.

▶▶▶ GOALS:

1. Project a polished and professional image reflective of the school's premium standards.
2. Foster a sense of unity and pride among students through a shared dress code.
3. Minimize distractions and maintain a focused learning environment.
4. Promote inclusivity and respect for all students, regardless of their appearance.
5. Prepare students for future success by instilling professionalism and adaptability in their dress and personal presentation.



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▶▶▶ EARLY LEARNING



TOP:

White t-shirt with CDS logo on the front purchased from the CDS school store



BOTTOM:

Shorts, sweatpants/ joggers, Skort or skirt with the CDS logo. The bottoms must be red

SHOES:

Closed toed shoes, athletic footwear

▶▶▶ EARLY CHILDHOOD



TOP:

Light grey polo shirt with CDS logo purchased from CDS school store with red collar and sleeves or white t-shirt with CDS logo on the front



BOTTOM:

Shorts, sweatpants/ joggers, Skort or skirt with the CDS logo. The bottoms must be red

SHOES:

Closed toed shoes, athletic footwear

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▶▶▶ ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



TOP:

Light grey polo shirt with CDS logo purchased from CDS school store with a navy collar and sleeves



BOTTOM:

Bottoms that cover past fingers length with arms resting at sides, shorts/ pants with beltloops. Skort or skirt with the CDS logo. All bottoms must be navy blue.

SHOES:

Closed toed shoes, athletic footwear

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▶▶▶ SENIORS (GRADE 12)



TOP:

Light grey polo shirt with CDS logo purchased from CDS school store with a navy collar and sleeves

▶▶▶ Seniors (Grade 12) may wear an approved color and designed polo shirt within the NAE color pallet, outside of the dress code as a privilege of being in their final year. This must be coordinated with MAC team in grade 11



BOTTOM:

Bottoms that cover past fingers length with arms resting at sides, shorts/ pants with beltloops. Skort or skirt with the CDS logo. Bottoms can be navy blue or an approved color from the MAC team to match senior approved polo

▶▶▶ Solid black leggings with no "nude/transparent" features

SHOES:

Closed toed shoes, athletic footwear

▶▶▶ Physical Education Uniform (only to be worn on days when students have PE classes):



TOP:
White T-shirt with CDS logo on the front of the shirt (or other CDS event t-shirt)



BOTTOM:
red shorts, sweatpants and/or CDS athletic team shorts.

SHOES:
Socks and sneakers/ tennis shoes, Crocs (for swim season only)

▶▶▶ OUTERWEAR:



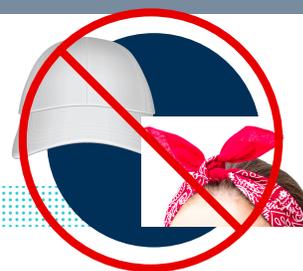
Sweatshirts, jackets, or ¾ zips with CDS logo purchased in the CDS uniform store are permitted over the approved polo in the academic houses.



Leggings that are navy blue, with the CDS logo. Purchased from the CDS uniform store

▶▶▶ HEADWEAR:

Hats, caps, visors, bandanas, and other head coverings are not permitted in the academic houses (Including hallways, entryways, classrooms, library, cafeteria, and theatre)



▶▶▶ HEADPHONES AND EARBUDS:

- Headphones and earbuds are not permitted in classrooms
- Teachers may provide students with permission to use headphones or earbuds for academic purposes in the classroom



STUDENTS CANNOT WEAR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES: (INCLUDING ON DRESS DOWN DAYS)

- Violent language or images
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal activity) or the use of same
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography
- Images or language that create a hostile or intimidating environment
- Sleeveless, tube, halter, spaghetti strap, or bare midriff tops
- Spandex shorts
- Apparel shorter than finger length with arms resting comfortably at sides
- Sandals, crocs, or slippers

It is Costa Rican law that all school age children wear their school's designated uniform as described in their handbooks. Final interpretation of any uniform rests with the House Principal and the Director. Coming to school in uniform is considered a minimum expectation for students each day. Violations will result in disciplinary action. CDS expects that parents, teachers, and staff members, without exception, support and enforce the uniform/ dress code policy.

FIRST VIOLATION:

Students will be allowed to return home to change or to contact their parent/guardian for a change of clothing. The student may remain in class until the uniform is brought for them to change.

SECOND VIOLATION:

Students will be allowed to return home to change or to contact their parent/guardian for a change of clothing. The student will not be allowed to enter class until they have met uniform requirements. Any class absences due to uniform infractions are considered unexcused.

ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS:

Students and parents/guardians will be notified, and students will be referred to the CDS Senior Leadership Team for a disciplinary hearing to determine appropriate consequences.

**As this uniform policy is new, for the 2023-2024 school year, families may purchase bottoms (pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, leggings) outside of the CDS store if they are the correct color and fit the rest of the dress code requirements. This transition period is only for the 2023-2024 school year.