



CHANNING HALL

Dress Code

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All Channing Hall students in both the Primary and Middle School Programs must wear their clothing as defined in the dress code. There will be several casual dress days as well as periodic full dress days to be announced at the discretion of the Head of School.

The Dress Code has been designed to meet the following purposes:

- Promote unity
- Focus students on learning and not on clothing
- Equalize socioeconomic status
- Decrease the need for disciplinary action
- Support an active education
- Be implemented and enforced simply
- Be comfortable, flexible, appealing and easy to obtain
- Reflect a positive representation of Channing Hall

*** Clothing that is clean and in good repair is expected.**

Daily Dress Code:

Tops:

- Polo top colors for all students are solid light blue and white in cotton or a polyester blend
- **Primary Years Students** (K-5th) may add a **RED** polo shirt
- **Middle Years Students** (6th – 8th) may add **NAVY BLUE** polo shirt (with Khaki bottoms only) and navy bottoms
- **NO OXFORD STYLE SHIRTS - BUTTON UP BLOUSES**
- Only white undershirts may be worn underneath school shirts
- Long sleeve white undershirts are allowed under polo shirts
- **No logos** or designs other than the Channing Hall logo are permitted on clothing
- If a student is attaching a Channing Hall logo patch on his/her shirt, it must be ironed on (no pinning or taping) and must completely cover the existing logo.
- White sweaters are not approved dress code
- All shirts must be collared
- Collared shirts must be worn under sweaters, sweat shirts (exception PE shirt), and vests
- Short sleeve and long sleeve polo tops are acceptable
- Sweatshirts with the Channing Hall logo in the approved colors are acceptable
- Shirts must be of a length that can be tucked in but do not need to be worn tucked in
- Shirts may not be tied
- No denim fabric
- Tops may not reveal cleavage or be too tight or revealing
- Shirts must be buttoned up (1 or 2 buttons open at top)
- Undershirts must be white in color, worn under uniform tops and tucked in at all times.

Bottoms:

Bottom colors include solid sand or tan in cotton, corduroy or polyester twill – no colored stitching, zippers, lace, etc.

Bottoms Styles include:

- Pants, Jumpers (sand only), Short or Long Sleeve Polo Dress (K-5 = red/light blue MS=Red/Navy same color as acceptable shirts), Shorts, Skorts, Skirts, and Capris
- No denim fabric allowed
- Shorts, skorts and skirts be no shorter than fingertip length.

All bottoms must fit the child (no excessive bagginess):

- Underclothing may not be visible (Undershirts must be tucked in at all times)
- Bike shorts may be worn under girls skirts or jumpers (not longer than length of skirt)
- Shorts, skorts and skirts can't be higher than fingertips
- The waist of pants and/or skirts must be at or above the hip bones
- All bottoms must be hemmed at the bottom with no frayed edges or holes

Shoes:

- No backless shoes or sandals can be worn during school hours
- Sneakers (athletic, not skater or ballerina styles) are required to be worn by primary and middle school students for fitness class
- Shoes must be in good condition
- Shoes must be worn on school grounds at all times
- No heeleys (with or without the wheels)

Coats

Students may wear any style of coat to school that is not offensive and is appropriate to a learning environment. Coats may not be worn during class time. Coats must be hung in the classrooms or placed in lockers during class time. Navy blazers can be worn over a collared navy, baby blue or white shirt.

Accessories:

- No patterned or striped knee high socks with skirts or shorts
- Leggings and tights must be solid black, white, navy, and red (no patterns or lace)
- Leggings must be below the knee
- Belts may be worn only in belt loops and must be solid black or brown in color and cannot be worn on sweaters
- Simple jewelry is allowed
- No hats, bandanas, head scarves, beanies, large headbands or sunglasses may be worn during school hours. However they are allowed for recess and outdoor activities
- Extreme hair styles, facial piercings and excessive make-up are not permitted
- Hair should be clean and neat and appropriate for school
- No cell phones are allowed to be with students or used during school hours
- Cell phones can be stored in lockers for use before/after school hours
- No gum chewing on the school grounds (even before or after school)

Fitness Dress Code:

No other fitness clothing may be worn except the Channing Hall fitness uniform. Primary students will have fitness once a week and Middle School students will have fitness two times a week. On these days

only, students (Primary students' optional; Middle School students' required) can wear the following Channing Hall approved physical fitness clothing:

- Channing Hall approved navy blue fitness pants or shorts
- Channing Hall approved t-shirts
- Channing Hall approved fitness jacket (optional)
- Channing Hall approved sweatshirt
- Approved Athletic shoes (ALWAYS required for PE in lower and Middle School)

Middle School students will be required to dress in approved fitness wear for fitness class. Students will have the option of changing for fitness but their changing time will be extremely limited. Consequently, the Middle School students may wear their approved Channing Hall fitness clothing all day if they choose. The approved fitness clothing will be available only through Channing Hall. Fitness uniforms must not be worn over regular clothes.

Note: On Full Dress Days (always on picture day and Veterans Day), which will be announced in advance and noted in the Weekly Howl, fitness dress will be modified to accommodate for Full Dress. Fitness activities will be modified.

Full Dress Code:

Channing Hall students will be asked, from time to time, to come to school in full dress. This may happen for assemblies, field trips, performances, etc. Students will be notified of this in advance.

- Full Dress Code includes all guidelines from the Daily Dress Code with the following changes:
- **Primary Years Students** (k-5) tops need to be RED in color. Students can wear a collared shirt and if they choose, they can wear a sweater, cardigan or vest over top of the collared shirt. NO school sweatshirts may be worn during class on Full Dress days
- **Middle Years Students** (6-8) tops need to be NAVY BLUE in color. They can wear a collared shirt, and if they choose, a sweater, cardigan or vest over top. NO sweatshirts, may be worn during class on Full Dress days
- If a collared shirt is worn under a sweater or vest, the collared shirt needs to be white.

Casual (Free) Dress Code:

Casual Dress Days will be announced at the discretion of the Head of School. If casual dress days are abused by disruptive behavior or students do not follow the Casual Dress Guidelines on these days, future Casual Dress Days may be canceled.

Tops:

- Underclothing may not be visible
- Tops must be long enough to tuck in or another longer shirt
- No skin may be showing on the back or belly
- Tops may not reveal cleavage
- Halter tops, spaghetti straps and tank tops may not be worn unless another shirt is worn under or over it. (If the straps of a tank top are less than 2 inches wide, another shirt must be worn under or over it)

Bottoms:

- Pants
- Jumpers
- Shorts (no shorter than fingertips)
- Skorts (no shorter than fingertips)
- Skirts (no shorter than fingertips)
- Capris

- Underclothing may not be visible
- The waist of pants and/or skirts must be at or above the hip bones

General:

- Students may not wear mutilated, torn or cut off clothing on the top or bottom
- Students may not wear clothing which bears advertising, logos, promotions or the likeness of tobacco, alcohol or drugs
- Students may not wear clothing with vulgar, crude or offensive language, logos or graphics
- Military clothing or insignias which are part of the official uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces may not be worn
- Gang related clothing, colors and paraphernalia will not be allowed on school grounds

Consequences for not wearing proper dress code:

When students choose not to comply with the dress code standards they will be sent to the front to call home for the correct clothing. On the first offense a student will be allowed back in class until the proper uniform is received. Every offense thereafter, the student will not return to class until properly dressed. Continuing infractions will be dealt with on an individual basis.

In all cases, the Head of School has the final authority regarding dress code decisions. Any variance of this policy must have prior approval.

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