



COEUR D'ALENE CHARTER ACADEMY

2020-2021 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

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General Guidelines

All students will arrive on campus in uniform and stay in uniform until they leave for the day. Parents and students are expected to know and follow the uniform policy.

Team/activity/spirit wear clothing must be approved by the school administration before being worn as part of the uniform.

Purchase of Uniform Items

The Charter Academy strongly recommends that uniform items be purchased from an approved vendor. Uniform items are available for purchase (with logo included) at Land's End, Atomic Threads & Spokane Uniform House (Dennis Uniforms) and can be screen-printed and/or embroidered at Subterra, JIKFace Printing, Pyramid Printing.

Since all of these outlets sell many items that are not in compliance with the Academy's uniform policy, be sure the items you buy have been approved as uniform items. Employees at these stores can assist you to make sure the items you are purchasing conform to the policy.

Please check with vendors for an official list before making any purchases. The school is not responsible for clothing items purchased that do not meet the requirements as defined and explained in the uniform policy.

There will be periodic uniform sales at the school. Contact the school office for information.

Commentary on the Expectations of the Uniform Policy

School uniforms are an important facet of our school culture and an integral part of our mission and purpose. A distinctive uniform is a unifying factor within our school community and underscores the Academy's seriousness of purpose by encouraging students to think of their attire as an aspect of their work. In addition, neatness and modesty are important aspects of the Charter school environment. The Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy is a college preparatory school, and we want our students to distinguish themselves by their academic performance, their citizenship, their behavior, and their attitude and effort on a day-to-day basis. Additionally, we strive to eliminate the self-consciousness and social competition which popular fashion trends tend to promote.

Clothing or accessories that are worn with the obvious intent of being different or unique are not in keeping with the purpose of the uniform policy. The Charter Academy uniform colors are red, white, navy blue, and hunter green. Samples can be seen in the school offices if clarification is necessary.

Test for Appropriateness (TEA)

If something about your dress or physical appearance causes you to stand out from other students, it will be considered in violation of the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy uniform policy.

Uniform Violations

It is the responsibility of each student to be in uniform while on campus. Students who are out of uniform will not be allowed to remain in classes until the violations are corrected. It is the family's responsibility to provide proper uniform attire for any child out of uniform while at school. The school does not provide uniform clothing. Students who miss class to correct a uniform violation will receive an unexcused tardy or absence.

Students with repeated uniform violations will be referred to the vice principal for disciplinary action.

Specific Uniform Requirements

I. PANTS

- Tan or navy blue casual dress pants

The following are **not** allowed:

- Denim
- Cargo Pants
- Capris
- Jeggings
- Leggings, or tights worn as pants (these are allowed under uniform skirts if they are a solid uniform color or black and extend to the ankle.)

II. SHORTS

- Tan or navy blue shorts that are not shorter than one hand width above the knee and do not fall below the knee.

III. SKIRTS

- Tan, navy blue, or approved Charter plaid skirts that are not shorter than one hand width above the knee when standing.

IV. UNDERGARMENTS

- Undergarments must not be visible, with the exception of white undershirts showing at the neckline.
- Long-sleeved shirts may not be worn under short-sleeved shirts.

V. SHIRTS

- Uniform colored turtle-neck or short/long-sleeved, collared polo shirts, with an Academy logo, may be worn by male and female students.
- Students may wear **white** oxford dress shirts with or without an approved Academy logo; oxford shirts must be worn tucked in.
- Female students may wear plain **white** blouses that button in such a way as to maintain neatness and modesty.
- Shirts may not have any logos showing other than the approved Academy logo.
- Solid-colored navy blue or black blazers may be worn by female and male students. Blazers may be worn only over oxford shirts.
- Solid-colored or striped ties may be worn with oxford shirts providing they are worn with the knot at the shirt's collar. (see TFA)

VI. SHOES/SOCKS

- Flip-flops and slippers are not allowed. Shoes and sandals must have a fixed back or fixed back strap.
- Boots may be worn only with long pants or skirts.

VII. JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

- See TFA
- Scarves and hats may not be worn inside school buildings

VIII. HAIR

- Hair must be a natural hair color
- Hair accessories must pass the TFA
- Headbands may not exceed 2" wide and no logos. (In uniform colors or black only.)

IX. OUTERWEAR

- Fleece or soft-shell jackets, with or without the approved Academy logo, can be worn inside school buildings and must be a solid uniform color or black.
- Sweatshirts that are a uniform color, and have the approved Academy logo on the upper left chest, or a large Academy logo silk-screened in the center of the chest
- Sweaters or vests must be a solid uniform color or black, and must be worn **over** a uniform polo or oxford shirt.
- Sweaters must be closed knit and may not exceed finger tips in length.
- Pea Coats that are a uniform color or black may be worn inside the school. They do not require an Academy logo.
- Any outerwear with a hood is not allowed.
- Uniform and non-uniform outerwear may not be worn tied around the waist or hanging on shoulders.

X. P.E. UNIFORM

- Athletic Grey short-sleeve or long-sleeve shirt with the PE logo approximately 8.5" on center front.
- Navy or black athletic shorts or sweatpants. No logo required on shorts.
- Optional grey crew-neck sweatshirt with the PE logo approximately 8.5" on center front.
- Athletic shoes are required for PE classes.

XI. EXCEPTIONS

- Approved letter jackets are considered part of the school uniform
- Approved team warm-ups, Charter 'spirit wear', and clothing from school teams or activities can be worn with permission only.
- Performance attire, as defined by the teacher and approved by the administration, may be worn on performance days.
- Clothing for special class projects, as defined by the teacher and approved by the administration, may be worn on the day of the event.
- Closed-toed shoes are required for some classes; teachers have discretion in requiring certain kinds of shoes for safety reasons.
- Length of shorts and skirts worn during non-uniform days such as field trips, performance days, Spirit Week, and the all-school picnic will adhere to the one-hand width rule for length.

Definitions

1. Uniform – having the same appearance as others of the same group; conforming to a given standard; being or looking the same; consistent in appearance.
2. Outerwear – coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, vests.
3. Oxford Shirt – a long or short-sleeved shirt with buttons up the front all the way to the collar.

ANY JUDGMENTS REGARDING CLOTHING OR APPEARANCE WILL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

A COUPLE OF NOTES ON THE UNIFORM POLICY:

TEAM WARM-UPS: Team warm-ups will not be allowed as uniform items for the school day, any more than a volleyball or basketball jersey would be. Teams sometimes purchase warm-up jackets or shirts, and in recent years these have been treated as uniform items. However, with the accumulation of activities and successive years of new items, it has become nearly impossible to determine when students are wearing team-specific warm-ups and when they aren't.

TEAM UNIFORM ITEMS: Teams or groups may get approval from administration to add a group logo to uniform items. For example, the track team might choose to modify an Academy sweatshirt to say "Track" under the existing logo or submit a new logo that is specific to their sport. Any modified item must be approved by administration before it may be worn in school.

COLLEGE SHIRTS: Every Friday of second semester, seniors will be encouraged to wear sweatshirts from the college or university they plan to attend. We want to honor these students for their achievements and allow them to display their new colors.