

Lower School Dress Policy

Dress Code: General Guidelines

Believing that our outward appearance is a reflection of our heart and mind, Dublin Christian Academy expects parents to exercise good taste and judgment in the dress of their children who are students at DCA. Through our clothing and our hairstyles, we either draw attention to ourselves, or we magnify the Lord. The following dress code applies to all school functions unless otherwise specified.

As a Christian organization we want our students to reflect a Christian testimony by dressing in a way that is consistent with Biblical principles. Although there is no single style or form of clothing which is Biblical, I Timothy 2:9 teaches the principle of modesty, and Matthew 6:25-33 stresses that clothing should not be the emphasis of one's life. As an educational institution, we want to promote an appearance that reflects high standards of academic performance and the importance of education. We do, however, recognize that different types of clothing are appropriate based on the occasion or activity. Therefore, the following guidelines outline the dress code for the many facets of life here at Dublin Christian Academy.

General Dress Policies for Lower School:

1. All clothing is expected to be neat, clean, and wrinkle-free.
2. Clothing size should be appropriate for the size of the student.
3. **Pants** should fit properly
4. **Pants** should be hemmed appropriately and should not be frayed
5. All **shirts** must be tucked in.
6. **Coats, hats, zippered vests, fleeces** are **not** to be worn during class.
7. **DCA Stag Swag sweatshirts**, clean and in good condition, are permissible for school dress. Only school-designed sweatshirts approved for sale in the Stag Swag shop are permitted. Only the senior class may submit a class-specific design for approval.
8. Any clothing that promotes an anti-Christian philosophy is **not** permitted.

The administration of Dublin Christian Academy reserves the right to determine if dress or appearance is appropriate. Parents will be notified of inappropriate dress or appearance and will be given a description of the steps necessary to fix the problem.

Lower School Boys' Dress

Shirts*

1. **Collared shirts** (Polo and Oxford styles) – any solid color; short or long sleeved
2. **Sweaters, cardigans, and vests** – any solid color; crew neck, V-neck, quarter-zip, quarter-button, or vest
3. All approved **Stag Swag sweatshirts** should be clean and in good condition. Only school-designed sweatshirts approved for sale in the Stag Swag shop are permitted. Stag Swag merchandise is available for purchase in Common Grounds or online at www.dublinchristian.org/stagswag.

***Special Notes:**

1. All **shirt buttons** must be fastened except for the top button.

2. All **shirts** must be neatly tucked in.
3. All approved **Stag Swag sweatshirts** should be clean and in good condition. Only school-designed sweatshirts approved for sale in the Stag Swag shop are permitted. Stag Swag merchandise is available for purchase in Common Grounds or online at www.dublinchristian.org/stagswag.
4. When **sweaters, cardigans, or vests** are worn, a polo, oxford, or turtleneck with a visible collar must be worn underneath.
5. **No** writing, designs, or large manufacturers' logos on shirts.

Pants*

Solid color pants (with belt loops) – khaki, gray, navy, or black

****Special Notes:***

1. Pants must have belt loops and be worn with a belt.
2. Pants may be pleated front, plain front, or corduroy.
3. Pants should not have elastic at the bottom of the leg.
4. Pants should fit neatly and appropriately

Shoes* and Socks

1. Sneakers
2. Socks are to be worn.

****Special Notes:***

1. **No** crocs, flip flops, sandals, or light up shoes
2. During the winter, students may wear snow boots to and from school.
3. Socks and shoes must be worn at all times.

Hair

1. Hair must be neatly combed.
2. Hair must be trimmed (not hanging over the ears) evenly tapered and off the collar and ears.
3. Hair worn on the forehead should come **no** lower than one finger width above the eyebrows.
4. Shaved heads (less than 1/4 inch) and shelf cuts are **not** acceptable.
5. Hair may not look spiked.
6. Hair styles should be neat and appear natural in color.
7. The use of dye, streaks, bleach, or other hair coloration is not permissible at any time during the school year.

Accessories

1. Boys may not wear bracelets, earrings, or necklaces.
2. Wristbands, including those worn for health purposes or to convey a message consistent with DCA's mission, are permissible.
3. Temporary or permanent body markings are not permissible.

Lower School Girls' Dress

Shirts*

1. **Collared shirts** (Polo, Oxford, or Peter Pan styles) – any solid color; short or long sleeved
2. **Sweaters, cardigans, and vests** – any solid color; crew neck, V-neck, quarter-zip, quarter-button, or vest
3. All approved **Stag Swag sweatshirts** should be clean and in good condition. Only school-designed sweatshirts approved for sale in the Stag Swag shop are permitted. Stag Swag merchandise is available for purchase in Common Grounds or online at www.dublinchristian.org/stagswag.

***Special Notes:**

1. All **shirt buttons** must be fastened except for the top button.
2. All **shirts** must be neatly tucked in.
3. When **sweaters, cardigans or vests** are worn, a polo, oxford, or turtleneck with a visible collar must be worn underneath.
4. **No** writing, designs, or large manufacturers' logos on shirts.
5. A **camisole or tank top** should be worn under lightweight or light-colored shirts.

Skirts & Pants*

1. **Solid color skirts or jumpers** – khaki, gray, navy, or black; no denim
2. **Plaid Skirt- LANDS' End Hunter/Classic Navy plaid** only
3. **Khaki, black, or navy dress pants** (no cargo pockets or jeans)

***Special Notes on Skirts and Pants:**

1. All Lower School outfits should come to the top of the knee when sitting or standing.
2. **Slits** in jumpers or skirts may not go above the knee.
3. A **slip** should be worn under lightweight or light-colored skirts or jumpers.
4. **Pants and skirts** that have belt loops should be worn with a belt.
5. **Pants** should fit neatly and appropriately.
6. **Leggings** may only be worn under skirts or jumpers that are knee-length or longer.
7. The only plaid pattern permitted is the LANDS' End Hunter/Classic Navy.

Shoes* and Socks

1. Sneakers
2. Casual, low-heeled shoes (no higher than 2" heel)
3. Dress boots (no higher than 2" heel)
4. Sandals (no higher than 2" heel) (must have a back)
5. Socks, tights, or leggings should coordinate with the outfit.

***Special Notes on Shoes:**

1. **No** crocs, flip flops, slipper style shoes, or light-up shoes
2. During the winter, students may wear snow boots to and from school.

3. Shoes must be worn at all times.
4. Cleated shoes or skates are not to be worn in buildings.

Hair

1. Hairstyles should be neat, appear natural in color, and cut in a feminine style.
2. Masculine, extreme, or faddish hairstyles are ***not permissible*** for school.
3. Basic highlighting is allowed, but no extreme or unnatural hair coloring.

Jewelry and Makeup

1. Earrings may only be worn in the lower lobe with a maximum of two earrings per ear.
2. If worn, makeup, nail polish, or jewelry should be neat, modest, and appropriate so that it does not draw attention to itself. (Makeup must reflect a “natural” look.)
3. Temporary or permanent body markings are ***not permissible*** for school.

Lower School PE Dress:

1. ***Shirts:*** Any DCA T-shirt
2. ***Pants:*** Navy or black loose-fitting athletic pants, Leggings and yoga-style pants are not permitted.
3. ***Shorts:*** Navy or black knee-length shorts (optional for warmer months)
4. ***Footwear:*** Sneakers
5. ***DCA sweatshirts*** are optional

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Lower School Snow Dress:

1. Snowpants
2. Snow coat
3. Waterproof boots
4. Waterproof mittens or gloves
5. Hats, scarves, etc.

Lower School Casual Dress:

We occasionally allow casual dress during the school day for special occasions. These days may be referred to as Stag Swag Days or Dress Down Days. The guidelines below apply, with variations for theme days or spirit days as described below.

Casual Dress: Boys

1. Shirts/ Sweatshirts: DCA Stag Swag
2. Pants:
 - Jeans: Must be neat, properly-fitting jeans, no rips or holes
 - Athletic Pants: hemmed wind pants, athletic pants
3. ***Shoes:*** athletic shoes
4. ***Special Note:*** Casual dress does ***not*** include shorts or sweatpants.

Casual Dress: Girls

1. **Pants:** Hemmed wind pants, athletic pants (*loose-fitting*).
 - Capris or cropped pants in a woven fabric (below the knee)
 - **Jeans:** must be neat, properly-fitting jeans, no rips or holes
 - Leggings, sweatpants, and yoga-style pants are not permitted
2. **Shirts/ Sweatshirts:** DCA Stag Swag
3. **Shoes:** athletic shoes (Casual attire does **not** include flip-flops)
4. **Special Note:** Casual dress does **not** include shorts or sweatpants.

Variations:

- Theme day: Casual dress guidelines but the official DCA theme shirt for the current school year must be worn. (DCA will provide a theme shirt at the beginning of the school year.)
- Spirit days: Casual dress plus any specified special dress (blue and gold colors, themed costumes, etc.).

Lower School Concert Dress/Semi-Formal:

(Thanksgiving Program, Vespers, Elementary Program, Spring Concert)

Concert Dress: Boys

1. **Pants:** Khaki-colored
2. **Shirts:** White Oxford shirt with lightweight Navy blue sweater vest (any brand)
3. **Shoes:** Black or brown dress shoes
4. **Special Note:** The school will provide bowties. Dark socks and a belt should be worn.

Concert Dress: Girls

1. **Skirts:** Khaki-colored
2. **Shirts:** White Oxford shirt with lightweight Navy blue sweater vest (any brand)
3. **Shoes:** Black or brown dress shoes
4. **Special Note:** The school will provide scarves.

Ordering Information:

Note: Lower School clothing meeting these guidelines can be handmade or purchased at any clothing store. The options offering items that meet our requirements are listed below.

LANDS' END
www.landsend.com
School Preferred Number: 9001-1955-3

FRENCH TOAST
www.frenchtoast.com
School Source Code: QS46MV

To order online: Go to <http://www.dublinchristian.org/student-life>. On the bottom, choose to go to the DCA uniform collection from LANDS' End or French Toast. These will be updated annually.

DCA families can sign up for Lands' End's email and make purchases when Lands' End offers discounts on uniforms.

Stag Swag Shop

Stag Swag merchandise is available for purchase in Common Grounds or online at www.dublinchristian.org/stagswag.

Used Uniform Items

Threads of Hope in Jaffrey seasonally carries many gently used uniform items priced well below retail. Not all uniform items offered are within DCA guidelines as Threads serves the entire community. You may drop off your gently used uniform items at the Threads of Hope store. See the Threads of Hope Facebook page for weekly hours.