



Dress Code Policy

I Overview

All Channing Hall students in both the Primary Years Program (Grades K-5) and Middle Years Program (Grades 6-8) must wear clothing as defined in the dress code. There will be several casual dress days and 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:

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

II Daily Dress Code

- A. Required Monday-Friday in the PYP
- B. Required Monday-Thursday in the MYP; Free Dress allowed on Fridays
- C. All clothing should be clean and in good repair (no torn or cut-off clothing)
- D. No logos, advertising, or designs other than the Channing Hall logo
- E. No denim
- F. No clothing that promotes or shows the likeness of tobacco, alcohol or drugs
- G. No vulgar, crude or offensive language, logos or graphics
- H. Military clothing or insignias that are part of the official uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces may not be worn
- I. Gang related clothing, colors and paraphernalia are not allowed on school grounds
- J. The Administration may grant exemptions to this policy in cases of medical need or rights of conscience.

III Tops

- A. Polos in cotton or polyester, short- or long-sleeved
 - 1 PYP Students may wear red, light blue, and white polo shirts.
 - 2 MYP Students may wear navy, light blue, and white polo shirts
 - 3 No oxford style shirts or button up blouses

- 4 White undershirts, either short or long sleeved, may be worn under school shirts
 - 5 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 any existing logo.
 - 6 All shirts must be collared
 - 7 Any shirt worn under sweaters, sweatshirts (exception PE shirt), and vests must be collared.
 - 8 Shirts must be of a length that can be tucked in but do not need to be worn tucked in
 - 9 Shirts may not be tied
 - 10 Tops may not be too tight or revealing
 - 11 Shirts must be buttoned up (1 or 2 buttons open at top)
- B. Sweaters
- 1 Sweater, cardigan or vest allowed
 - a PYP may wear red, light blue, and white polo shirts
 - b MYP may wear navy, light blue
 - c White sweaters are not approved
 - 2 Sweatshirts with the Channing Hall logo in the approved colors are acceptable

IV Bottoms

- A. PYP bottom colors include solid sand or light tan
- B. MYP colors include solid sand, light tan or navy
- C. No decorative stitching, zippers, lace, etc.
- D. Cotton, corduroy or polyester twill allowed, but no denim
- E. Allowable styles:
 - 1 Pants
 - 2 Jumpers (sand only)
 - 3 Short or Long Sleeve Polo Dress (PYP: red or light blue; MYP: red or navy)
 - 4 Shorts, skorts, skirts, and capris
 - a Must fall within 3 inches of the knee
- F. All bottoms must fit the child (no excessive bagginess):
- G. Underclothing may not be visible
- H. Bike shorts may be worn under girls skirts or jumpers (not longer than length of skirt)
- I. Waistbands must be at or above the hip bones
- J. No frayed edges or holes

V Shoes, Socks, Accessories

- A. No backless shoes or sandals
- B. Sneakers (athletic, not skater or ballerina styles) must be worn for fitness class
- C. Shoes must be in good condition
- D. Shoes must be worn on school grounds at all times
- E. No wheeled shoes (with or without the wheels)
- F. No patterned or striped knee high socks with skirts or shorts
- G. Leggings and tights must be solid black, white, navy, and red (no patterns or lace)

- H. Leggings must fall below the knee
- I. Belts may be worn only in belt loops and must be solid black or brown in color and cannot be worn on sweaters
- J. Simple jewelry is allowed
- K. 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
- L. Extreme hair styles, facial piercings and excessive make-up are not permitted
- M. Hair should be clean and neat and appropriate for school

VI Coats

- A. Students may wear any style of coat 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.
- B. Navy blazers can be worn over a collared navy, baby blue or white shirt.

VII Fitness Dress Code

- A. No other fitness clothing may be worn except the Channing Hall fitness uniform.
- B. Channing Hall approved navy blue fitness pants or shorts
- C. Channing Hall approved t-shirts
- D. Channing Hall approved fitness jacket (optional)
- E. Channing Hall approved sweatshirt
- F. Approved Athletic shoes (ALWAYS required for PE in lower and Middle School)
- G. Leggings and Under Armor are not allowed under shorts
- H. MYP 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, MYP 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.
- I. 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.

VIII Full Dress Code

- A. 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 in advance. Full Dress Code includes all guidelines from the Daily Dress Code with the following changes:
 - 1 PYP tops must be RED in color. Students may wear a collared shirt and, if they choose, a sweater, cardigan or vest. NO school sweatshirts may be worn on Full Dress days
 - 2 MYP tops need to be NAVY BLUE in color. They can wear a sweater, cardigan or vest over top. NO sweatshirts, may be worn during class on Full Dress days
- B. If a collared shirt is worn under a sweater or vest, the collared shirt needs to be white.

IX Free Dress Code

- A. 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.
- B. Tops
 - 1 Underclothing may not be visible
 - 2 Tops must be long enough to tuck in or another longer shirt
 - 3 No skin showing on the back or belly
 - 4 Tops may not reveal cleavage
 - 5 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)
- C. Bottoms
 - 1 Pants
 - 2 Jumpers
 - 3 Shorts, skorts, skirts (no shorter than 3 inches, measuring from the back of knee)
 - 4 Capris
 - 5 Underclothing may not be visible
 - 6 Waistbands must be at or above the hip bones

X Consequences for not wearing proper dress code

- A. Students will be sent to the front office to call home for the correct clothing.
 - 1 On the first offense a student will be allowed back in class until the proper uniform is received.
 - 2 Every offense thereafter, the student will not return to class until properly dressed. Continuing infractions will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- B. The Head of School has the final authority regarding dress code decisions. Any variance of this policy must have prior approval.