

# Colleton Preparatory Academy

## GUIDELINES FOR DRESS CODE Middle and Upper School

The following guidelines are by no means comprehensive or all inclusive. All school clothes must be clean, pressed (when necessary), appropriately sized, and in good repair (no holes, ragged hems, or patches).

The school reserves the right to be the final authority as to what is acceptable and what is not acceptable, even if the attire is not addressed in the following guidelines:

### GIRLS' ATTIRE [Grades 6-12]

	Acceptable	Non Acceptable
Tops	Tucked in unless specifically designed for outside wear. If worn outside, midriff must not be exposed.	Tank tops, bare midriff tops, spaghetti straps with no shirt underneath, tube tops, strapless tops, low-cut tops, spandex or tight-fitting. T-shirts with inappropriate slogans or logos (see Handbook for specifics)
Shorts/Skirts	Worn at waist; no more than 5 inches above the top of the knee	Athletic shorts, beachwear, spandex, cut-offs
Dresses	No more than 5 inches from top of knee	Strapless, spaghetti straps without a shirt underneath or an over blouse, low-cut
Shoes	Required	Flip flops
Hair	Clean, neat, well-groomed	Extreme in style and/or color
Other		Body piercing (except for earrings), tattoos, hats, sunglasses

### BOYS' ATTIRE [Grades 6-12]

	Acceptable	Non Acceptable
Shirts	Shirts must be tucked in at all times.	T-shirts with inappropriate slogans or logos (see Handbook for specifics)
Shorts	Worn at waist with belt if loops are present; no more than five inches above the top of the knee	Athletic shorts, beachwear, cut-offs
Pants	Worn at waist with belt if loops are present	Fatigues, athletic wear, camouflage
Shoes	Required	Flip flops
Hair	Clean, neat, well-groomed	Hair touching the collar or in eyes; extreme haircuts or colors
Other	Must be cleanly shaven	Facial hair, body piercing, earrings, tattoos, caps, sunglasses

## **Dress Code (con't)**

Students are required to dress and groom themselves neatly, cleanly, conservatively and appropriately for the school setting. Teachers will set the example and will provide guidance to students. It is intended that students learn the importance of dress and grooming in interpersonal relationships. Decorous dress correlates to well-mannered behavior.

Appropriate grooming for school includes personal cleanliness, well-kept hair, and moderation in the use of make-up, perfume or cologne. Boys must be clean-shaven.

Clothing for school should be of conventional style and neat in appearance. The style and fit of clothing for both girls and boys should be modest in consideration of the developing sexuality of teenagers.

Any clothing with pictures, logo or lettering must be appropriate to the school setting, i.e. not portray any product, item or activity that is not allowed at school such as drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, etc., not convey any inappropriate message, such as vulgarity or sexual innuendo.

Shirttails for both boys and girls must be tucked in except for certain girls' blouses designed to be worn outside. The faculty and/or staff will make the final determination as to whether or not a blouse is designed in this manner.

Shorts of conservative length may be worn. (Conservative length = approximately halfway between knee and thigh but no more than 5 inches above the top of the knee.) The same conservative length applies to skirts and dresses.

Athletic clothing should be reserved for athletic events. This includes cutoff shorts, gym shorts of any type, sweat pants, jogging suits and any baggy shorts with an elastic waistband.

Shoes must be worn at all times while on school property.

Hats, caps and sunglasses must be removed upon entering the school buildings.