Middle School
Dress Code Policy

Philosophy

Clothing expresses attitude and personality and also reflects and influences behavior; consequently, clothing matters. A positive attitude in appearance and behavior is conducive to learning. The purpose of the dress code is to teach and model lasting principles of dress and behavior, not simply to address current fashions and fads. Adherence to the dress code is the parents’ and students’ responsibility. Families are expected to be familiar with the dress code and to support these guidelines in the purchase of school clothing.

Students found in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate attire and may require a call to the parent to bring appropriate clothing.

All clothing must be purchased from Mills Uniform Company or the Currey Ingram Used Uniform Sale unless stated otherwise.

If a student has special circumstances (e.g., sensory, sizing, allergies) and cannot wear the uniform material from Mills, please contact the Middle School Division Head.

Where to Find Items

Mills Uniform Company: retail store is located at 204 Ward Circle in Brentwood. You may also order by phone (800-541-1850 or 615-467-6100) or online at millswear.com with school code: 3812.

The CIA Spirit Shop: located in the Jennifer & Billy Frist Hall. Please check the website or your Division Office for hours of operation. Used uniforms are available for purchase as well as new outerwear items. Contact Christine McGill with any questions at (615) 635-0253.

5-8 Dress Code

Belts:

- Any vendor: Solid or braided brown leather belt

CIA outerwear:

- **REQUIRED**: Purchased from Mills - Navy sweater with quarter-zip and CI monogram. (Will be required to be worn on specified “dress” days as determined by the Head of School or Middle School Division Head.)
- **OPTIONAL**: Purchased from Mills - Navy Unisex Fleece Front-zip Jacket
- School-issued outerwear including fleece and rain jackets and sweatshirts/hoodies purchased in CIA Spirit Store or through MS Division with the CIA name/logo. Gear issued from extracurricular activities is also allowed, as long as it includes the school name/logo.

*Non-Currey Ingram outerwear may not be worn inside the buildings but may be worn when students are outside.*
Shirts with CI monogram:
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

REQUIRED: Please note, the dark navy (short or long sleeved) polo will be required to be worn on specified “dress” days as determined by the Head of School or Middle School Division Head.

Khaki pants and shorts:
- Khaki pants - twill flat-front
- Khaki shorts - twill flat-front

Corduroy pants:
- Any vendor: Must be similar in color to the traditional khaki items offered by Mills Uniform.

Grades 5/6 Boys Dress Code

Shirts and blouses all with CI monogram:
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short-sleeve girls’ fit gray, yellow, or dark navy cotton/poly pique polo
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

REQUIRED: Please note, the dark navy (short or long sleeved) polo will be required to be worn on specified “dress” days as determined by the Head of School or Middle School Division Head.

Khaki pants:
- Girls’ stretch-twill skinny pants
- Khaki shorts (boys) - twill flat-front

Corduroy pants:
- Any vendor: Must be similar in color to the traditional khaki items offered by Mills Uniform.

Skirt and skort:
Skirt/skort hem bottom should be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. The three-inch side of a standard 3” x 5” index card will serve as measurement.
- Plaid girls’ box-pleat (reg) skirt
- Plaid girls’ 2-in-1 skort
- Khaki twill 2-in-1 skort

Grades 5/6 Girls Dress Code

Shirts and blouses all with CI monogram:
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short-sleeve girls’ fit gray, yellow, or dark navy cotton/poly pique polo
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

REQUIRED: Please note, the dark navy (short or long sleeved) polo will be required to be worn on specified “dress” days as determined by the Head of School or Middle School Division Head.

Khaki pants:
- Girls’ stretch-twill skinny pants
- Khaki shorts (boys) - twill flat-front

Corduroy pants:
- Any vendor: Must be similar in color to the traditional khaki items offered by Mills Uniform.
**Grades 7/8 Girls Casual Uniform Dress Code**

**Shirts:**
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short-sleeve girls' fit gray, yellow, or dark navy cotton/poly pique polo
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

**REQUIRED:** Please note, the dark navy (short or long sleeved) polo will be required to be worn on specified “dress” days as determined by the Head of School or Middle School Division Head.

**Khaki pants and shorts:**
- Girls' stretch-twill skinny pants
- Khaki shorts (boys) - twill flat-front (no shorter than 3” from top of the knee)

**Skirt:**
Skirt hem bottom should be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. The three-inch side of a standard 3” x 5” index card will serve as measurement.
- Plaid girls’ box-pleat (reg) skirt
- Khaki skirt (only Parker Brand available)

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**Grades 7/8 Boys Casual Uniform Dress Code**

**Shirts:**
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex oxford shirt with button down collar and front pocket.
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

**REQUIRED:** Please note, the dark navy (short or long sleeved) polo will be required to be worn on specified “dress” days as determined by the Head of School or Middle School Division Head.

**Khaki pants and shorts:**
- Khaki pants - twill flat-front
- Khaki shorts - twill flat-front

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**Grades 7/8 Boys Dress Uniform Days Dress Code or Designated Mondays or Special Events**

**Shirts:**
- White long- or short-sleeved oxford cloth shirt with button down collar and front pocket.

**Khaki pants:**
- Khaki pants - twill flat-front

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**Tights and leggings:**
- Any vendor: Solid navy, hunter green, or white opaque or cable tights or leggings
- CIA Spirit Shop: CI leggings

**Headbands and hairbows:**
- CIA Spirit Shop: red, navy, white, hunter green bows
- Mills Uniform Company: plaid headbands and bows
Tights and leggings to be worn under skirt:
- Any vendor: Solid navy or solid hunter green tights or leggings that are either cable knit or opaque

Grades 7/8 Girls Dress Uniform Days Dress Code or Designated Mondays or Special Events

Shirts:
- White long- or short-sleeved oxford cloth shirt with button down collar and front pocket.

Skirt: Skirt hem bottom should be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. The three-inch side of a standard 3” x 5” index card will serve as measurement.
- Plaid girls’ box-pleat skirt
- Girls’ stretch-twill skinny pants

Tights and leggings to be worn under skirt:
- Any vendor: Solid navy or solid hunter-green tights or leggings that are either cable knit or opaque

Middle School Dress Code Guidelines

All students are expected to be neat and well-groomed. Clothing should be clean and in good condition (i.e. free of holes, tears, or stains). CIA is not responsible for lost clothing. Please label all items, including shoes.

Shirts/Blouses
- Shirts must be tucked into skirts or pants, with the exception of the over blouse for girls, which is intended to be worn outside skirts or pants. Only the top button of the shirt may be unbuttoned.
- Shirts must not be layered in such a way that a long-sleeved garment is worn under a short-sleeved or sleeveless garment unless intended to be worn that way
- Undergarments worn under blouses or shirts must be all white or natural in color.
- A uniform shirt/blouse is to be worn under all sweaters, fleeces and sweatshirts.

Sweaters, Fleece and Sweatshirts
- Currey Ingram Academy sweatshirts and fleeces may be worn and are available for purchase through the Currey Ingram Academy Spirit Shop.
- Currey Ingram sweatshirts and fleeces may be worn in the building; however, the hood may not cover the head while inside a building.
- Non-Currey Ingram sweatshirts may not be worn in the classrooms or during indoor transitions.

Skorts and Skirts
- Items listed above must be no shorter than three inches above the knee and should not be inappropriately snug.
- Leggings may be worn under garments during cold/cool weather only (approximately November - March)
- Shorts may be worn under skirts as long as they are not visible.
- Skorts and skirts, should be neatly hemmed (i.e., no pins) and may not be rolled at the waist in order to shorten the length.
- Skorts are for 5th and 6th grade only.
Pants
• If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn through the loops at the waistline.
• Pants must be worn full-length (i.e., no cut off or rolled pants legs) and fit well (i.e., not oversized or baggy and not worn in the “low-rider” style).

Shoes
• Shoes must tie, have Velcro closings, or slip on; no zippered shoes are permitted.
• Athletic shoes in good condition are required for P.E. classes for all students.
• Shoes with wheels (i.e., Heelys) or spinning discs (i.e., Skechers Bella Ballerina) are not permitted inside the building.

Socks
• Socks must be worn and extend at least to the top of the shoe.

Hats and Outerwear
• Coats, hats and gloves for outside wear can be of any style or type; however, they must be in good repair and without offensive language.
• Jackets, hats, gloves and non-Currey Ingram sweatshirts and fleeces may not be worn inside the building. They may be worn during outside transitions, recess or other outside activities.

Hair
• Hair should be well-groomed, clean and styled so it does not extend below the eyebrows.
• Hair should be styled in a way that it does not become a distraction.
• Hair (if color-treated) must be a natural hair color.
• Hair for boys should be cut so that it does not fall below the midpoint of the ear on the sides and below the collar in the back. If longer than this, the hair must be in a ponytail.
• Sideburns should be trimmed so they are not excessively think and do not reach below the bottom of the ear.
• Facial hair (i.e. mustache or beard) is not allowed.

Make-up
• Must be in good taste.
• Unusual colors, combination of colors, designs, or excessively heavy make-up may not be worn.

Jewelry
• Earrings are the only acceptable form of body piercing. Rings and posts are permitted only through the ears.
• Jewelry may not be noisy or distracting, which often eliminates dangling earrings.
• Excessive jewelry should be avoided (i.e., more than three items of the same category is considered excessive).

Tattoos
• Visible tattoos are not permitted at school or while participating in extracurricular events.

Face Coverings
Face masks and face shields should follow guidelines of the Currey Ingram dress code and should not promote other K-12 schools, political causes, alcohol, drugs or symbols considered offensive to other students and families. Currey Ingram reserves the right to ask an individual to change their face covering should it be deemed inappropriate.