

Upper School Dress 2010-2011

The upper school dress code is in place to ensure that a student's appearance helps create a positive learning environment and an atmosphere of serious academic pursuits. Additionally, Carolina Day School recognizes that dress and grooming can affect the health and safety of individual students as well as the student body as a whole. The upper school dress code is designed to promote pride in one's appearance as well as pride in the school community. Adherence to the upper school dress code is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent(s). Dress code violations will result in at least one of the following consequences: assignment to detention/the student needing to change clothes/loss of "dress-down" day privilege(s).

All Upper School Students

- No t-shirts or denim clothing, except on dress-down days.
- Sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, or fleeces may be worn as needed.
- Underwear should never be visible.
- No ragged, baggy, or torn clothing.
- No pants, shirts, or shorts designed as athletic attire during the academic day (except for PE class).
- No camouflage clothing.
- No caps, hats, bandanas, or sunglasses are to be worn inside the building.
- Extremes in clothing, jewelry, or hairstyles are prohibited.
- Clothing that is obscene, offensive, or makes reference to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is prohibited.

Upper School Males

- Khakis, twills, chinos, wool, cotton, or corduroy shorts/pants worn at the waist or slightly below; no hip-huggers or low rise.
- Belts must be worn with pants and shorts that have belt loops.
- Shorts must be within two inches of the knees.
- Tucked-in collared shirts or turtlenecks.
- Sneakers, leather flip-flops, sandals, or close-toed shoes (no rubber flip-flops).

Upper School Females

Understanding that fashion often dictates what female students like to wear, the upper school dress code does not adhere to fashion trends or styles; certain clothing items such as low-cut necklines, tops that have the look and feel of t-shirts (often with writing and/or designs on them), and tight-fitting pants are not appropriate school attire. Young ladies in the Upper School are expected to dress for school and school events as follows:

- Khakis, twills, chinos, wool, cotton, or corduroy pants/skirts/shorts/skorts worn at the waist or slightly below; no hip-huggers or low rise.
- Skirts/shorts/skorts must be within two inches of the knees.
- Modest necklines on collared shirts, blouses, turtlenecks, knit tops, or dresses (the "dollar bill rule").
- Tops must cover the midriff at all times.
- Dress length must be within two inches of the knees.
- Sneakers, leather flip-flops, sandals, or close-toed shoes (no rubber flip-flops).
- Appropriate heel height on shoes or boots.

Occasionally upper school students will have the opportunity to "dress-down" to celebrate a special function or school event. On "dress-down" days, students are permitted to wear jeans and t-shirts, though the jeans should not be torn, ragged, or baggy, and the t-shirts must be school-appropriate in terms of neckline, length, and slogans. Other clothing items, such as shorts, etc., must conform to the standard code of dress even if worn on a designated "dress-down" day. Generally, athletic attire (gym shorts, sweat pants, etc.) is not appropriate for school, even on designated "dress-down" days.

Additionally, upper school students will sometimes be expected to wear "dress day" attire. "Dress day" attire for young men include a dress shirt and tie, dress pants, and appropriate shoes (a sport coat is optional). "Dress day" attire for young ladies includes a dress, a skirt or dress pants with a blouse, and appropriate shoes.