Dress Code Expectations

In addition to wearing CCPS polo daily (where a hooded sweatshirt or zipped outerwear is acceptable over the CCPS polo), students are expected to wear the CCPS badge on a lanyard daily. As a response to the COVID pandemic, students must wear a 2-ply mask (no gaiters, bandanas or face shields).

Student dress should reflect the professionalism that comes with being at one of the top charter schools in New Mexico, and one of the top schools across the country. To that end, clothing must be neat, clean, appropriate, modest, and not distracting to the learning environment. The Cottonwood polo, and all other recognizable symbols of our school, serve as a reminder of our common identity, and these communicate our values to those outside of our school.

Student dress should reflect a seriousness of purpose. To that end, clothing must be neat, clean, appropriate, modest, and not distracting to the learning environment. It is the school's prerogative to determine what is objectionable.

Dress expectations will be identical for all students, and will be identically enforced.

Hair	● Can be of any color; professionally kept, suitable for the learning environment. ● Hair should not be distracting to the learning environment. No mohawks.
Dress	● Cottonwood Classical polo should be worn at all times (Monday through Thursday). ● On Fridays, students may wear properly sleeved university attire, official CCPS spirit wear, or the CCPS polo. ● Layered clothing is acceptable, providing CCPS Polo or outerwear is visible over them. ● Official CCPS outerwear (i.e. zip-up jackets, hoodies, coats), may be worn over the Cottonwood polo inside or outside of classes. (There may be times at the discretion of Cottonwood staff, outerwear may be asked to be removed.) ● Students found to be wearing shirts other than the polo under their outerwear will be in violation of the dress code. ● Jeans, Shorts, Khakis, Skirts and Leggings are all allowable if they are professional to the learning environment, without tears, frays or holes, and suitably modest (to staff discretion. See-through or sheer material is not allowed. As a general guideline, shorts and skirts should fall no higher than mid-thigh. ● Spaghetti straps, tank tops, or muscle shirts must be covered by an appropriately sleeved shirt. Shirts must fully cover shoulders. Midriff

	should not be showing. ● Writing and/or images that are sexually suggestive, violent, disrespectful, or racially inappropriate are not allowed on clothing. Furthermore, symbolism of drugs, tobacco or alcohol on any garment is also prohibited. ● Pant sagging is not allowed. Clothing must be worn at waist level at or above the hip. Pajamas and/or sleepwear is not permitted. Fishnet stockings are not allowed.
Piercings & Tattoos	● Students may have ear lobe piercings and ear gauges that are less than 1⁄2 inch in diameter. ● No piercings should pose a danger to the individual wearing them including, but not limited to, spiked gauges, spiked studs, or large hoops. ● Piercings on the ears may also be deemed excessive if the number, size, or design creates an educational distraction or an unsafe situation. ● Visible tattoos should be appropriate and not cause a distraction to the learning environment. Visible tattoos that cause a distraction to the learning process or are deemed inappropriate are discouraged and may be asked to be covered.
Footwear	● Appropriate footwear includes soles suitable for all-day use ● Closed footwear is required in science classrooms for safety reasons
Accessories	● Students may wear hair accessories such as headbands as long as they do not go over the forehead, are behind the student's hairline, and are not distracting to the learning process. ● Hats and sunglasses are allowed outside only, unless authorized by an administrator. ● Hats such as baseball hats, beanies, or similar headgear may not be worn inside the building (unless during official sanctioned events). ● Excessively spiked jewelry is not allowed to be worn. ● Symbolism of drugs, tobacco or alcohol on any accessory is also prohibited. This includes hats, water bottles, gym bags, backpacks, etc.

Sanctioned Non-Uniform Events

In the event of a sanctioned non-uniform event such as dress down days, spirit wear days, and/or school sanctioned-activities, students must adhere to the dress code guidelines outlined above.

PE Dress Expectations

For PE classes, students are required to wear their PE shirt (Cottonwood Classical Athletic shirt) with sweatpants, athletic pants, or athletic shorts that are free of large logos, and/or lettering (no lettering or graphics are allowed on the rear end of a student's shorts or sweatpants). The back of the PE shirt must have the student's last name legibly printed in marker. If a student has PE on any given day they can wear the PE shirt throughout the day and then change into a Cottonwood polo after the PE class is over. Students need to wear proper, closed-toe athletic shoes. Clothes should be sized appropriately, i.e. not too baggy or excessively tight. P.E. shirts can only be worn during P.E. class.