



School uniforms are to be purchased exclusively from: All Uniform Wear

High School Student Dress Code Policy

The student dress code policy at Cabarrus Charter Upper School is that ALL 9-12 students are expected to wear the required uniform every day unless otherwise indicated.

Student Dress Code

The uniform will consist of the following:

- A Cabarrus Charter Upper School (CABA) oxford shirt with the school emblem embroidered on the front is required for all 9-12 students.
 - Short sleeve polos in black or light blue
 - Long sleeve oxfords in light blue
- Once a week (day to be determined) 12TH grade students must wear a black blazer with a CABA oxford shirt and khaki bottoms. This is optional for 9th-11th graders.
 - Shirts **MUST** be tucked in at all times!
- Khaki or black pants, shorts or skorts.
 - Have the CSUSA emblem embroidered on the back.
 - Purchased by parents.
 - No baggy pants.
 - Pants cannot sag.
 - No cargo pants, capris, zip off style pants or jeans of any style or color.
 - Shorts and skorts should not be more than 1 inch above the knee.
 - Clothing should not be tight.
- The only outerwear that students are allowed to wear over their uniform is a heather grey CABA sweater, sweatshirt, or windbreaker. No hoodies are allowed.
- Oxfords, uniform bottoms and other uniform items must be purchased from All Uniform Wear.
- PE attire consists of a grey shirt with the CABA emblem and black shorts or sweatpants.
- Students may only wear plain (short-sleeve), white shirts underneath their uniforms (short-sleeve or long-sleeve). Writings or designs should not be visible through the oxford. Students may not wear long-sleeve thermal shirts under short-sleeve uniform oxfords. Students will be told to remove any shirts not in compliance with the uniform policy.
- Belts are required for all items that have belt loops. Chains, pocket watches, or any other accessory should not be attached to the belt. Scarves, fabric, and other non-belt material may not be substituted for a belt. Belts can be worn only if they are sold as a belt. Belts may be purchased from All Uniform Wear.
- Shoes
 - No “flip-flops” or sandals.
 - No high tops or boots
 - Any shoes with a heel taller than an inch are not allowed.
 - All shoes, sneakers, or boots should be enclosed and of a solid color.
 - Socks, tights, or pantyhose should always be worn with shoes (no footless leggings). Socks must be white, black, gray, tan/khaki and should not be worn above the knee.
- No suspenders should be worn over any uniform shirt.



- Students and parents should make every effort to ensure that the uniform shirts and pants are cleaned regularly. Torn or worn clothing should be replaced.
- Any jewelry worn around the neck should be worn inside of the uniform shirt.
- All girl earrings should not be larger than a nickel (in circumference). Earrings should be free of glitter, or any other embellishments.
- Male scholars are not permitted to wear earrings.
- Hair should be free of glitter.
- Hair must be neat and clean with no “unnatural” colors (i.e. fluorescent, bright green, pink, orange, blue, etc.) mohawks, faux hawks, spikes, heads symbol shavings, etc. Blonde highlights are allowed.
- Beards, mustaches, and any other facial hair is strictly prohibited.
- Headbands can be worn only if they are sold as a headband. No homemade headbands will be allowed. Headbands should have nothing hanging or dangling from them.
- Nails should be free of any artificial enhancements (acrylic, silk wraps, press-ons, rhinestones, etc.). In addition, nails should be free of extravagant designs.

Students may not wear the following:

- Tight clothing
- Colored shirts underneath the polo
- Any headwear such as bandanas, hats, scarves, caps, etc., unless deemed cultural or religious
- Any gang related attire
- Makeup with excessive coloring
- Large chains or other excessive jewelry
- Body tattoos or body piercings
- Attire with any reference to death (i.e. skulls, poison logos, etc.)

The school reserves the right to add to this list as concerns or problems arise.

Uniform Violation Consequences

- Continuous uniform defiance will result in after school detention and/or out of school suspension.

Dress Code Rationale

- The mission of CABA is to develop well-disciplined scholars who will be prepared for college or a career when they leave our school. In light of this, all students will be taught how a scholar acts, how a scholar presents him or herself and appearance, and the skills necessary to be a scholar. The school believes that students appear more scholarly when they are wearing an attractive uniform, and it also believes that students will act more scholarly because they will feel good about their appearance.
- Another value of the school is that of “teamwork”. Just as members on a sports team are required to wear a uniform in order to show their strength in unity, so too are scholars of the CABA team.

Students in school often spend too much time and energy worrying about which students are wearing the name brand clothes. If our focus is on developing scholars, the students at CABA will need to spend all of their time and energy focusing on their education, not on comparing clothing.

**Upon the opening of Cabarrus Charter Academy Upper Campus, students may be given the option to earn different colored oxford shirts for different honors.*

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