



# SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Central Language Academy is a uniform school. The uniform policy is widely supported by staff and parents. Parents say that it is easier and less expensive to prepare their children for school and staff reports that students are better able to focus when there is this consistency. Uniform assistance is available for students whose parents lack the funds to purchase uniforms.

CLA believes that school attire can influence a pupil's behavior and potentially impact the academic environment.

School uniforms:

- enhance school safety
- promote school pride
- create a sense of unity amongst students
- improve the learning environment
- promote attention and focus
- bridge socioeconomic differences between children
- promote good behavior
- improve children's self-respect and self-esteem
- produce cost savings for participating families

Our official school uniform is available from French Toast and can be ordered online at [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com) → shop by school → School Code: **QS5TMUY**

**IMPORTANT:** Because students are representing CLA. **ALL students** who participate in extracurricular activities such as student government, afterschool sports, groups/clubs will be expected to follow the uniform guidelines. Special uniforms within student government, sports or clubs may be required.

Violations of the uniform policy will result in consequences.

## Guidelines

### SHIRTS

Blouses with a collar  
Solid white or solid navy blue  
CLA polo shirts (Navy, white or hunter/dark green)



» T-shirts of **ANY kind** including CLA club/group shirts, College themed shirts or oversized shirts are **NOT** permitted (unless specified for school purposes).

### PANTS

Solid navy blue or solid khaki/beige  
Dark blue jeans

» Acid washed, inappropriately torn (as deemed by the principal), leggings/jeggings, low-rise jeans or baggy and oversized jeans are **NOT** permitted. **ALL** Leggings **cannot** be worn as pants.

### SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

Solid navy blue or solid khaki  
Dark blue jean material or uniform

Leggings or tights can be worn under shirts or shorts

» Dresses, shorts, or skirts must **be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.**

### **OUTERWEAR**

#### **Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Vests/Jackets**

**Kinder- 5th** Sweaters/sweatshirts in Navy Blue, white or hunter green

**6th – 8th** Sweaters/sweatshirts in navy blue, white, hunter green or gray

Sweater vests in navy blue, white or green

Heavy winter jackets or rain coats of any color can be worn during inclement weather.

» Oversized sweaters or sweatshirts **are not** permitted. Sweaters, sweatshirts & jackets with sports insignia, logos other than CLA logo, cartoon characters or any explicit graphics are **not permitted.**

### **SHOES**

All footwear must be closed toe

Socks **MUST** be worn at all times

Rain boots can be worn on rainy days

» Sandals or shoes with heels are **not permitted**

### **GROOMING GUIDELINES**

- Shoes must cover the entire foot. No open-toe shoes.
- Jewelry is limited to very small earrings only (boys and girls). No other jewelry permitted for safety reasons. An exception is any article for religious or cultural observation and those items provided by CLA as incentives.
- Caps, hats or sunglasses are permitted for outside use only and only for protection from the sun. Hats must be in school colors and cannot have any logo, brand or sports team on them. The exception to this is CLA hats. ALL hats **MAY NOT** be worn inside the classroom.
- Heavy make-up or any other items that attracts attention should not be worn.
- Undergarments **MAY NOT** be visible at any time.

### **CONSEQUENCES:**

- Warning from teacher; Behavior warning sent home
- Parent will be contacted to bring uniform attire.
- School labeled "Borrowed" shirts will be loaned out to student to use for the day
- Detention
- Continued violations of the uniform policy will result in further consequences

## **Formal Tuesday**

On "*Formal Tuesday*" students can dress in uniform but add our more formal collegiate pieces for a more professional look. *Formal Tuesday* will be observed every Tuesday of each month. When participating in *Formal Tuesday* boys can wear their uniform with a button down shirt and tie, CLA blazer (preferred but not required), with a belt. Girls can wear their uniform with a button down shirt, cross colored tie and CLA blazer (preferred but not required). If students do not dress in formal attire, they must wear school uniforms.

CLA's Formal Tuesday is a great way to show our students the importance in dressing for success.