DRESS CODE

Otsego Christian Academy seeks to maintain a learning environment that honors God and promotes respect, modesty, safety, and academic focus. Scripture teaches believers to "dress modestly, with decency and propriety" (1 Timothy 2:9), and students are expected to reflect these values in both appearance and conduct.

Parents and the school work together to help students develop habits of cleanliness, neatness, modesty, and respect for themselves and others. By enrolling at OCA, parents and students agree to support and follow the school's dress code.

The Administrator and faculty are responsible for interpreting and enforcing these standards. Because clothing styles continually change, these guidelines cannot address every situation. The school reserves the right to determine whether a student's appearance is appropriate for the educational environment. The Administrator's decision is final.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

All students are expected to:

- Wear clothing that is clean, neat, and in good condition.
- Wear clothing that fits appropriately and modestly.
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes.
- Not distract from learning and promote Christian values.

Pre-K DRESS CODE

TOPS

Students may wear:

- Plain or appropriately themed T-shirts
- Collared shirts or Henleys
- Sweaters and sweatshirts

Shirts must be opaque, have modest necklines, and completely cover the midriff, even when arms are raised.
Sleeveless tops and dresses must have straps at least 2 inches wide. Thin straps or spaghetti straps must be covered by a shirt or sweater.

BOTTOMS

Acceptable bottoms include:

- Casual and Dress up pants. Leggings are not allowed unless under a skirt/dress/tunic.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should approximately reach the knee. Modest shorts or leggings must be worn under skirts, dresses, and jumpers.

FOOTWEAR

Closed-toe shoes and socks are required. Athletic shoes should be worn for outdoor play.

KINDERGARTEN - 12TH GRADE DRESS CODE

DAILY UNIFORM

SHIRTS

- Solid-color, loose-fitting short- or long-sleeve polo shirts.
- Approved polos must remain visible under sweaters or fleece.

PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS

- Loose-fitting, straight-leg, or boot-cut slacks in khaki, navy, gray, or black.
- Uniform style shorts in the same colors, approximately reaching the knee.

GIRLS MAY ALSO WEAR:

- Knee-length skirts, skorts, or jumpers in khaki, navy, gray, or black.
- Solid navy, gray, khaki, or black appropriate length shorts or leggings must be worn under skirts and jumpers.

SWEATERS & OUTERWEAR

Students may wear:

- Official OCA fleece
- Sweaters
- Cardigans

Hooded sweatshirts and hooded outerwear may not be worn during the school day (except on OCA Casual days).

ACCESSORIES

- Scarves and modest jewelry are permitted.
- Hats may not be worn indoors.

FOOTWEAR

Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes and socks are required.

HAIR, JEWELRY, AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

HAIR

- Hair must be clean, neat, and not obstruct the eyes.
- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colors are not permitted.
- Boys' hair must remain above the collar, not cover the ears, and boys must be clean shaven until senior year. Seniors may have neatly kept facial hair as a senior privilege.

JEWELRY & MAKE-UP

- Earrings are permitted for girls only and may be worn only in the ears.
- Gauges, bars, and other visible body piercings are not permitted.
- Girls may wear makeup in moderation.
- Tattoos and similar body markings must remain covered.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS CODE

GRADES 6-12

- Solid red T-shirt without writing
- black gym shorts (approximately knee length) or joggers without large writing (no leggings)
- Athletic shoes and socks

GRADES K - 5

- do not change clothing for Physical Education
- All students must wear athletic shoes and socks

BUSINESS CASUAL DAYS

Students may follow this code for Chapel, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and other designated special events. Students are also welcome to wear the following on designated "OCA Casual" days.

Male Students

- Slacks (no jeans).
- Tucked-in dress shirt or button-down; polo, henley, pullover sweater, quarter-zip sweater, or cardigan sweater. Ties are optional unless required for a specific event.
- No hoodies, untucked flannels, or t-shirts.
- Close-toed shoes.

Female Students

- Slacks (no jeans), dresses, or skirts.
- Dresses and skirts must reach approximately the knee.
- Dress shirts must have modest necklines and may not be see-through; henley, polo, pullover sweater, quarter-zip sweater, or cardigan sweater are all acceptable.
- No hoodies, untucked flannels, or t-shirts.
- Sleeveless dresses must have straps at least 2 inches wide. Thin or spaghetti straps must be covered by a shirt or sweater.
- Close-toed shoes. (Dress shoes may have heels up to 2 inches.)

OCA CASUAL DAYS *(students may also choose to wear Business Casual)*

Students may wear:

- Loose-fitting jeans (no skinny jeans)
- T-shirts that are solid-color, Christian or USA themed, or OCA approved
- Sweatshirts (hooded or crew) that are solid-color, Christian or USA themed, or OCA-approved
- Flannel shirts

Clothing with inappropriate language, graphics, or messages is not permitted.

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KINDERGARTEN - 12TH GRADE

DRESS CODE

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DAILY UNIFORM

SHIRTS

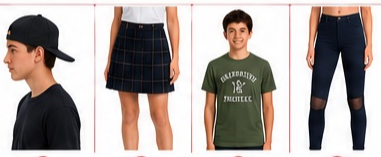
- Solid-color, loose-fitting short- or long-sleeve polo shirts.
- Approved polos must remain visible under sweaters or fleece.

PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS

- Loose-fitting, straight-leg, or boot-cut slacks in khaki, navy, gray, or black.
- Uniform style shorts in the same colors, approximately reaching the knee.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Hoodies | Cropped Tops | Tank Tops | Ripped or Distressed Clothing



Hats Indoors | Skirts/Shorts Too Short | Inappropriate Graphics/Words | Leggings Without Proper Coverage

GIRLS MAY ALSO WEAR:

- Knee-length skirts, skorts, or jumpers in khaki, navy, gray, or black.
- Solid navy, gray, khaki, or black appropriate length shorts.

SWEATERS & OUTERWEAR

Students may wear:

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- Sweaters
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Hooded sweatshirts and hooded outerwear may not be worn during the school day (except on OCA Casual days).

FOOTWEAR

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BOTTOMS

- Black gym shorts (approximately knee length) or joggers without large writing

(no leggings)

FOOTWEAR

- Athletic shoes and socks

NOT ALLOWED

Shirts with writing or logos | Shorts with large writing or logos

Leggings not allowed | Joggers with large writing

ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

NOT ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

BE ACTIVE. BE RESPECTFUL. BE A WARRIOR.

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JUNIORS & SENIORS

This year's pilot program allows juniors and seniors to choose business casual attire in place of the standard polo-and-khaki dress code if they so choose.
They are also free to wear standard dress code.

MALE STUDENTS

FEMALE STUDENTS

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