



Calvary Academy 2024/25 School Uniform Guidelines

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

With the exception of shoes and socks, school and gym uniforms **must** be purchased at:

The School Uniform Shop, Inc
1105 Richmond Ave.
Point Pleasant, NJ 08742
732-892-6655
<http://www.schooluniformshoponline.com>

Please be mindful of the following:

- **Girls “skorts” may not be shorter than 3” above the top of the knee cap.** The uniform shop does sell tall sizes for girls with unusually long legs, but you must special order these early.
- **Girl’s skirts/jumpers may not be shorter than 3” above the top of the knee cap.**
- **Boys shorts may not be shorter than 3” above the top of the knee cap.**

PHILOSOPHY

One of the most difficult areas of school administration is student dress and the standards to be used at Calvary Academy. For some students, dress guidelines are simply an extension of principles learned at home. For others, dress guidelines seem unnecessary and unreasonable limits for their unique personalities. Each family may have different ideas on what is appropriate. Experience has shown that it is necessary for the school to set standards in this area. The standards have been worked out by the administration and are based upon three characteristics of dress: **appropriateness, neatness, and modesty.**

GENERAL STANDARDS

- Students must wear the standardized school uniform to school. Dress codes for trips will be determined by the Administration based on the activity.
- The student may not wear outerwear clothing during the school day other than the approved uniform. If an extra layer is needed within the classroom, the student may choose the uniform fleece or sweater listed for each grade level, but a standard uniform shirt must be worn under the uniform fleece or sweater.
- Standardized uniforms **may not be altered or modified in any way, unless it is to let out the hem to extend the length.** This includes the gym uniform. The uniform must fit the student in an acceptable manner at the discretion of the administration.
- Non-uniform turtlenecks or mock shirts may not be worn as undergarments or in place of the uniform shirt or blouse.
- Shirts are to be tucked in except for polos which may be un-tucked. Tucked shirts must remain so for the entire school day.
- Shirts must be **loose-fitting**. Girl’s shirts/blouses/tops should cover midriff area completely (including when seated, and with arms raised).
- No Tattoos. No body art/no body piercings, and no drawings on body.
- Changing out of the school or gym uniform after school is not permitted except for athletic team practice.

JACKETS / COATS

Definitions:

Hoodie:	Pullover sweatshirt with a hood
Sweatshirt:	Pullover sweatshirt with no zipper, buttons or hood
Jacket:	Lighter or equal to the Calvary fleece and may or may not have a hood
Coat:	Heavier than school fleece and may or may not have a hood
Uniform Sweater:	Pull over or cardigan sweater purchased from the Uniform Shop
Fleece:	School uniform fleece (can be worn in class)

Guidelines:

- Students may wear coats, jackets, varsity jackets, and raincoats to and from school. However, students must remove their outer wear prior to the start of the day. Students that have not removed their outer apparel before entering class at 8:05 will receive a D-Hall. It is the student's responsibility to remember this; teachers will not give daily reminders.
- The school fleece, uniform sweater, and approved Calvary Academy athletic sweatshirts or hoodies for 6th-12th grade, may be worn in class, but a standard uniform shirt must be worn under the uniform fleece, sweater, sweatshirt or hoodie. Hoods must remain off while in the school building. All other forms of outer wear should be put away prior to the start of school.
- Personal hoodies and sweatshirts may be worn on "dress down" days, but hoods must remain off while in the school building.

STANDARDS FOR BOYS

- **All hair** should be neat and well groomed. Boys' hair length cannot be longer than **two inches** below the back hairline, and must not cover the eyes. Curly or afro-styled hair may not be longer than 3-4". No ponytails/buns, etc., mohawks, excessive spikes, or dread-locks allowed. Shaved lines, part lines and boxed out hairstyles are permitted, but no logos/designs may be shaved into the hair style. Hair may be tucked behind the ears or combed to the side in order to meet the standard. The administration reserves the right to address other hairstyles that we feel is inappropriate for school on an individual basis.
- **11th & 12th Gr. ONLY, Conditional Privilege:** manbuns will be permitted (not ponytails) with permission on a case-by-case basis, if hair is appropriately slicked back and the manbun is on the back of the head.
- Sideburns must be well groomed.
- Only natural hair colors are allowed. Modest highlighting and natural hair colors are permitted.
- Boys facial hair must be well groomed at all times, no excuses. Boys who are not well groomed will be asked to correct the issue and it will be checked the following day.
- Boys are **NOT** permitted to wear makeup, nail polish or earrings (except that a plastic placeholder is permitted) while at school, on campus or while attending school functions, including sports events/practices, even during the summer months, and are limited to wearing one piece of jewelry in addition to a watch.

STANDARDS FOR GIRLS

- Girls' "skorts" (grades K – 12) **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**; skirts/jumpers (grades K – 5) **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**. Parents and students should take future growth into consideration when purchasing uniforms so a young lady does not quickly outgrow her skort or skirt length.
- Girls receiving two uniform violations from the administration (regarding skort/skirt length) will be required to wear the uniform pants for the remainder of the school year.
- Girls are not permitted to wear fishnet type stockings.

- Make-up is permitted for girls in 6–12 grades but must be applied moderately, be natural in appearance and not excessive. Nail polish is permitted with the exception of black. Girls are not to apply make-up or nail polish during class.
- Elementary girls are not permitted to wear make-up.
- Girls are permitted to wear earrings. Girls may not wear more than two earrings in each ear. Studs only for cartilage piercing.
- Appropriate jewelry or accessories may be worn on the arms, neck, or fingers. Nose rings or other jewelry requiring body piercing are not permitted. In addition, **no plastic** posts may be worn under any circumstance.
- A girl's hair accessories and/or headbands should be **modest** and compliment the student's uniform in color and style. Scarves and hats may not be worn during class.
- Hair: Only natural hair colors are allowed: blond, brown, black or "natural" red. Ombre hair, **modest** highlighting and natural hair colors that complement a student are also permitted. No shaved areas, Mohawk, feathers or excessive spikes allowed. The administration reserves the right to address other hairstyles that we feel are inappropriate for school.

GIRLS & BOYS PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

- Please send a full change of clothing for students in Pre-K in a gallon zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name. In preschool, accidents can often happen, so a change of clothing including underwear and socks is a necessity.
- Non-tie tennis/athletic shoes (Velcro closure) are preferred. For safety purposes, no sandals, Crocs or open back shoes.
- Students should wear comfortable, washable, "play" clothes that conform to the current weather conditions.
- Students should wear clothing that allows them to take care of their own bathroom needs. No overalls.
- On gym days, ***Pre-K students will be wearing Gym Uniform***, see Physical Education Dress Code.

GIRLS - GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 3RD

- **White/Gray/Red polo shirts – with school logo** (*long or short sleeve*)
- Uniform navy pants or navy skort that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap.**
- Uniform Plaid Jumper that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap.**
- Uniform red Calvary Academy fleece.
- Solid red, white, or navy knee socks, ankle socks, peds or tights, or full length black leggings worn under skorts/jumpers (*Nylons may NOT be worn.*)
- Solid black, navy, or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (*1" heel or lower.*) Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted daily. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for the shoe brand logo.

BOYS - GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 3RD

- **White/Gray/Red polo shirt with school logo** (*long or short sleeve*)
- Uniform navy pants
- Uniform navy shorts that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap** (fall/spring months)
- Uniform red Calvary Academy fleece
- Solid navy, white or black socks
- Solid black, navy, or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (*1" heel or lower.*) Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted daily. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for the shoe brand logo.

GIRLS GRADES 4 - 5

- **White/Gray/Red polo shirt with school logo** (*long or short sleeve*)
- Uniform Plaid Skirt or Jumper that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap.**
- Uniform navy pants or navy skort that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap.**
- Uniform red Calvary Academy fleece
- Solid red, white, or navy knee socks, ankle socks, peds or tights, or full length black leggings worn under skorts/skirts/jumpers (*Nylons may NOT be worn.*)
- Solid black, navy, or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (*1" heel or lower.*) Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted daily. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for *the* shoe brand logo.
- Student athletes may wear Calvary Academy athletic team sweatshirts, but a standard uniform shirt must be worn underneath and hoods must remain off while in the building.

BOYS GRADES 4 – 5

- **White/Gray/Red polo shirt with school logo** (*long or short sleeve*)
- Uniform navy pants
- Uniform navy shorts that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap** (fall/spring months)
- Solid black belt with modest buckle (belt is optional)
- Uniform red Calvary Academy fleece
- Solid navy, black or white socks
- Solid black, navy, or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (*1" heel or lower.*) Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted daily. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for *the* shoe brand logo.
- Student athletes may wear Calvary Academy athletic team sweatshirts, but a standard uniform shirt must be worn underneath and hoods must remain off while in the building.

GIRLS GRADES 6-8

- White/Green/Navy polo shirt with school logo (*long or short sleeve*)
- Uniform Store khaki skort, or green and navy plaid skirt/kilt – **May not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap.** Skort or skirt may not be altered to a shorter length, but may be extended to give additional length.
- Uniform Store Khaki pants
- Uniform Store navy front zipper fleece with CA logo **OR**
- Uniform Store navy v-neck pullover
- Calvary Academy hoodies are permitted during class but a standard uniform shirt must be worn underneath and hoods must remain off while inside the building.
- Solid navy, green or white knee socks, ankle socks, peds or tights. Socks may be worn with tights. Black leggings may be worn under the skort or skirt. Black or white socks with or without the Nike emblem may be worn.
- Solid black, navy, or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (*2" heel or lower.*) Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for the shoe brand logo.
- No slippers or slides

BOYS GRADES 6 - 8

- White/Green/Navy polo shirt with school logo (*long or short sleeve*)
- Uniform Store Khaki pants (or khaki walking shorts in fall/spring months that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**)
- Solid black belt with modest buckle (belt optional for grades 6 and 7)
- Uniform Store navy front zipper fleece with CA logo **OR**
- Uniform Store navy v-neck pullover
- Calvary Academy hoodies are permitted during class but a standard uniform shirt must be worn underneath and hoods must remain off while inside the building.
- Solid navy, black, or white socks. Black or white socks with or without the Nike emblem may be worn.
- Solid black, navy or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (1" heel or lower) – no work boot type shoes. Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for the shoe brand logo.
- No slippers or slides

GIRLS GRADES 9 – 12

- Navy/Gray plaid skirt, OR Black skort – **May not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**, and may not be altered to a shorter length, but may be extended to give additional length.
- Dark Navy (*long or short sleeve*) or Dark Gray (*short sleeve*) polo shirt with school logo
- **Uniform Store** black pants (MUST be purchased at the Uniform Shop)
- Uniform Store black front zipper fleece with CA logo, or
- Uniform Store Black V-Neck Pullover
- Calvary Academy hoodies are permitted during class but a standard uniform shirt must be worn underneath and hoods must remain off while inside the building.
- Solid black, navy, white or gray knee socks, ankle socks, peds or tights. Socks may be worn with tights. Black leggings may be worn under the skort or skirt. Black or white socks with or without the Nike emblem may be worn.
- Solid black, navy, or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (*2" heel or lower.*) Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for the shoe brand logo.
- No slippers or slides

BOYS GRADES 9-12

- Dark Navy (*long or short sleeve*) or Dark Gray (*short sleeve*) polo shirt with school logo
- Gray Chino or Dockers style twill slacks. No denim material. No tight-fitting or "skinny" styles, or
- Black Chino or Dockers style twill slacks. No denim material. No tight-fitting or "skinny" styles
- White oxford shirt – long or short sleeve with a tie.
- Black blazer is permitted with the white oxford shirt and tie but must be same shade of black as pants.
- Uniform Store black front zipper fleece with CA logo, or
- Uniform Store Black V-Neck Pullover
- Calvary Academy hoodies are permitted during class but a standard uniform shirt must be worn underneath and hoods must remain off while inside the building.
- Solid white, black or gray socks. Black or white socks with or without the Nike emblem may be worn.
- Black belt with modest buckle
- Solid black, navy or brown closed toe and closed back shoes or ankle boots, laces must be the color of the shoe (1" heel or lower) – no work boot type shoes. Solid black or white, or black/white or navy/white

sneakers with black or white laces are also permitted. The sole of the shoe does not have to be black. No logos or artwork on the shoe are permitted except for the shoe brand logo.

- No slippers or slides

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS (NON-UNIFORM DAYS)

Several times a year, special dress days will be allowed. On those days the previously stated philosophy of dress is still in effect, **modesty being the goal**. Special dress days will be announced, and guidelines will be given. On dress-down days, generally, boys will be permitted to wear shorts that **are no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**, jeans or casual pants and appropriate shirts/t-shirts and casual shoes. Girls may wear shorts that **are no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**, Capri pants, jeans, or casual pants and appropriate shirts and casual shoes (no slippers, flip flops or slides.) Skorts or skirts may be worn as long as they follow the length requirements for school uniforms.

The following should never be worn to school and are considered unacceptable:

- Ragged or torn clothing
- Transparent clothing or clothing with holes, with the exception of ripped style jeans (**no rips/holes above 3" above the top of the knee cap.**)
- Emblems, logos such as: skulls, dice, cards, etc., or writing on clothing that is indecent, vulgar, or compromises a student's Christian testimony
- Off-the-shoulder tops, backless tops, low cut tops, tops that do not cover the midriff area when arms are extended straight out from shoulders, tank tops, sleeveless tops or other revealing tops.
- Excessively tight clothing/yoga pants/leggings (however, leggings or tights may be worn under a shirt/sweater/top/dress that is no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap.)
- Bedroom slippers
- For Elementary, no open toe shoes or flip flops
- For Upper School, no flip flops or slides
- Hats, visors, or any headwear inside the building
- Sunglasses on the face, head, or neck worn inside the building
- Chains, spikes, cleats, or studs
- Jewelry other than what is allowed with the uniform
- Any other items deemed inappropriate by the administration.

Any student dressed inappropriately may lose the privilege of future dress down days, and this will require a call home for a change of clothing to be brought in, or require the student to change into spare uniform clothing at the school.

FORMAL ATTIRE GUIDELINES FOR YOUNG LADIES

From time to time Calvary Academy sponsors activities requesting formal or semi-formal attire. In an effort to uphold our responsibility to be modest (1 Timothy 2:9) in our apparel, the following guidelines must be maintained:

1. No strapless dresses (even with a jacket covering); straps must be **no less than one half inch** in width, absolutely no clear straps.
2. Front neckline **must not be revealing** and may be **no lower than 3 inches below** the collarbone (no cleavage).
3. Back neckline may be **no lower than the shoulder blades**.

4. Skirt length must be at **the bend in the back of the knee or longer**.
5. A slit in a skirt may be **no higher** than the bend in the back of the knee.
6. Calvary Academy students and guests are expected to dress according to the designated standard.
7. The interpretation of the above standards will be at the discretion of the approved chaperones for the specific social event. They will enforce the standards.
8. All dresses must be approved by the Administration at least **2 weeks prior to all events** in order to ensure that the guidelines are met. This will allow you sufficient time to make alternations in case they are necessary. You may email photos to Mrs. Cruz at principal@calvaryacademy.org. Please submit photos of your daughter modeling the dress: front and back pictures are required for approval.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS CODE

Gym uniform gray or navy t-shirt with logo, navy sweatshirt with logo, navy **mesh** shorts with logo (no cotton shorts) that **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap** (applies to boys and girls), navy sweatpants with logo (purchased from The School Uniform Shop) and sneakers must be worn to PE class – no sports uniforms or dress down clothing is permitted. Gym shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap. Improper or missing gym uniform will result in lowering of the Gym grade. **The Calvary Academy gym uniform may not be altered/modified in any way.** Upper School students are permitted to wear their BOTC shirt in lieu of their Calvary Academy uniform PE shirt, and solid black with white striped Adidas soccer pants in lieu of the Calvary Academy uniform PE sweatpants. No other replacements are acceptable.

Pre-K, & Kindergarten – Fifth Grade

Students in grades Pre-K, and K - 5 may wear their gym uniforms for the entire day on the days they have gym class. Gym uniform mesh shorts may be worn in warm weather at the student and parent's discretion on gym days; gym shorts **may not be shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap** (applies to boys and girls). Sweatshirts and sweatpants should be worn during the colder weather. On gym days, Pre-K students will be wearing Gym Uniform.

Grades 6-12

Students in grades 6 - 12 must change into their gym uniforms prior to gym class and then change back into their school uniform for the remainder of the day. Students who have gym 7th period may leave the campus in their gym uniform. Girls must purchase a uniform gym t-shirt that is not too tight or short. Boys and girls must purchase uniform gym mesh shorts that are **no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee cap**. Undershirts may not be visible below the bottom of the t-shirt.

Upper School Athletes: High School Varsity Athletes are permitted to wear their game jersey to school on all game days, and Middle School Athletes may wear their game jersey to school on Home game days. The jersey should be worn with the appropriate Calvary Academy school uniform pants or Gym sweatpants, solid black with white striped Adidas soccer pants, or black Under Armor pants with Calvary logo.