

2024-2025 DRESS CODE FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please be sure to read all the way to the bottom of the Code to prevent any misunderstandings.

Standard Dress

This code applies to Mondays through Fridays and other designated days.

Pants:

- *Boys* will wear solid color, flat-front or pleated dress pants or shorts, khaki-style pants, or denim conservative jeans. No frays, holes, fading or added items (such as sparkles, pictures, patches, etc.). Pants of any kind may not be excessively tight or excessively loose fitting. Pants must be worn at the waistline. Shorts may not be shorter than the knee. All shorts must have belt loops. Shorts cannot be made of stretch material or gym-like shorts. (All shorts worn in gym must be purchased through the school.)
- *Girls* will wear solid color, flat-front or pleated dress pants or shorts/capris, khaki-style pants, or denim conservative jeans. No frays, holes, fading or added items (such as sparkles, pictures, patches, etc.). Pants of any kind may not be excessively tight or excessively loose fitting. Pants must be worn at the waistline. Shorts may not be shorter than the knee. All shorts must have belt loops. Shorts cannot be made of stretch material or gym-like shorts. (All shorts worn in gym must be purchased through the school.) Girls may also wear conservative, solid-color knee length skirts. No dresses.

Shirts: (Please note that the school logo is no longer required on polos.)

- Boys will wear any solid color, collared, polo-style shirts, golf shirts or conservative Oxford-style cloth shirts. Shirts with buttons should be buttoned to at least the second button from the top. At no time should undergarments or the midriff be exposed.
- Girls will wear any solid color, collared, polo-style shirts, golf shirts or conservative Oxford-style cloth shirts (no frills, lace, or puffy shirts). Shirts with buttons should be buttoned to at least the second button from the top. At no time should cleavage, the midriff, or any undergarments (including camis) be exposed.

Parents have two options when it comes to purchasing hoodies:

1. They can purchase pre-printed items through our CAWNY Uniform Store which will be open as needed, throughout the year.
2. They can purchase a dark green, black, or gray hoodie of their choice and have the logo screen printed onto them at the school-approved screen-printing location below. Remember, items must be unworn and unwashed before screen printing. (Designer Sportswear may be able to get apparel for you as well.)

Designer Sportswear (open Monday – Thursday noon to 5 pm)
80 Webster Street in North Tonawanda
(716) 695-3369

*You might want to call this location before stopping by

Shoes:

- The school does not prescribe a specific style of shoe. Shoes must be clean, odor-free and in good condition.
- Students are not allowed to wear sandals of any kind.
- Shoes should be safe to wear on tile floors.
- Solid color socks (or nylons - girls only) must be worn daily and must be seen above the shoe.

Coats/Jackets

- A hoodie with the school logo is a student's only choice to wear in the building. These hoodies can be purchased through the CAWNY Uniform Store to wear on cold days. (No other sweaters or jackets.)

Christian T-Shirt Fridays

- Students must follow the standard dress code outlined above; with the exception that students may choose to wear a t-shirt with a Bible verse properly presented on it (Scripture Shirts). T-shirts with Christian logos are also allowed. T-shirts from Christian churches and/or colleges will also be allowed (as long as they do not communicate controversial messages). All t-shirts must be approved by the Administration and will not be allowed if a Bible verse or God's Word is misrepresented, or the shirt is inappropriate in any way.

Senior Monday – Seniors ONLY

- Seniors may purchase class sweatpants and sweatshirts at the beginning of the year. They may be worn on Mondays throughout the school year

Gym Days

Gym uniforms will consist of CAWNY logo t-shirts and shorts. Gym clothes can be purchased through the CAWNY Uniform Store. Gray or black, solid-colored sweatpants may be worn over shorts in cooler weather. Athletic-style shoes must be worn in gym class.

The CAWNY Uniform Store will be open for as needed, throughout the year.

Hair

- Boys are expected to have their hair cut so the back length does not come over the collar. Sides may be no longer than the earlobe.
- Students must always keep their hair out of their eyes in the classroom.
- Extremes in hair styles and colors, faddish, unnatural, or multicolored hair coloring or cuts are not acceptable. Hair must be always kept neat and clean.
- boys must be clean shaven.

Other Guidelines - not to be deemed a conclusive listing.

- Clothing may not have holes by design or obvious tears or patches.
- Ripped, frayed or cut-off clothing may not be worn.
- Hats, caps, hoods, or sunglasses may not be worn inside the school building.
- Girls may not wear dresses or skirts with slits that come above the knee.
- Students may not wear athletic, yoga, sweat, cargo or camouflage pants.
- Students may not wear leggings or "jeggings," even if they have pockets.
- Undershirts must be plain with nothing showing through the main shirt or blouse. (The undershirt cannot contain colors, writing or pictures of any kind.)
- Once again, only CAWNY-issued hoodies* are allowed to be worn in the school building. Other jackets, sweaters, gloves, or other outdoor clothing should not be worn during school hours.
- Students may not have tattoos, permanent or temporary.
- Students may not wear sweatbands, dog collars and/or similar neck, wallet, or wrist chains.
- Students may not wear buttons or pins that are not school-related.
- Girls may only have ear piercings. Boys may not have earrings or other body piercings.
- Nail length should not interfere with school activity. Boys may not wear any polish.
- Boys may not wear make-up of any kind.
- Students may not wear fishnet or un-conservative stockings.

Consequences for Violating the Dress Code

The standard consequence for violating any of CAWNY's rules is detailed in the Parent/Student Handbook, under the heading, Code of Conduct. However, the dress code has its own additional steps as detailed below. Failure to comply with these steps will result in the discipline moving to the standard Code of Conduct.

Dress Code Violations (updated January 2024)

1. *First Offense* – the student be given a warning and given proper attire in the office.
2. *Second Offense* – student is given proper attire in the office and must turn in hoodie for the day. Parents will be notified.
3. *Third Offense* – Detention will be given. Parents will be notified.

The consequences reset every quarter.

Hat/Cap/Hood Violations

Students are NOT allowed to wear hats/caps or hoods inside the school building (except on Grub Days). This rule includes the hoods on the school uniform hoodies. (On Grub Days, the student will remove the hat/cap/hood from their head if requested to do so by a staff member.)

1. *First Offense* – the student will remove the hat/cap/hood and be given a warning.
2. *Second Offense* – the student will be required to place the hat/cap into his/her locker until the end of the day. If it is a hood attached to a hoodie, the student will be required to remove the entire hoodie and place it into his/her locker until the end of the school day.