

Carden Hall Dress Code

We consider Carden Hall to be your child's place of business, and we feel that a traditional style of dress eliminates the distractions of current trends in clothing, hair styles, and accessories. Thank you for respecting and honoring all aspects of our Dress Code. Your support allows us to remain focused on our main purpose, educating your child.

Dress Code Policies

ALL

1. Clothing worn to Carden Hall may **not** have outside labels, logos, writing, designs, or trademarks. Only **small** monograms on blouses, sweaters, and jackets are acceptable.
2. Outerwear is limited to Carden Hall sweatshirts and uniform sweaters or jackets—as listed on the grade level dress code pages. **There are two styles of Carden Hall sweatshirts available for sale in room 6.**
3. **All** shirts and blouses must be **tucked in** all day long (grades K–8).
4. **Oversized/undersized** clothes are **not** acceptable at any grade level.
5. All clothing, including shoes and sweatshirts, must be in good condition—no holes, please.
6. Tattoos (permanent or temporary) are not acceptable.
7. Daisy, Brownie, Girl Scout, Camp Fire, and Cub Scout uniforms, caps, and jackets may be worn to school on meeting days.
8. **Umbrellas** for our students are not allowed because of the safety hazard that they present.
9. Roller backpacks are permitted **only** in grades 5–8.
10. No smartwatches.

GIRLS

1. The shortest allowable jumper or skirt length is **2 inches** above the top of the kneecap. Skirts must be worn no lower than the top of the hip bone.
2. Girls may wear small button, single-loop, or dangling earrings (half-inch maximum below the ear lobe). No more than one earring per ear is allowed. No bracelets or ankle bracelets are allowed except those containing religious, medical, or emergency information. Simple necklaces are acceptable. Religious medallions may be worn only on a simple gold or silver chain.
3. Gym/play shorts under jumpers are required for girls in grades Pre-K–4. They must not show below the hemline: no mid-thigh or bermuda-length shorts.
4. No belts are to be worn.

BOYS

1. The super-baggy, super-long, or low-riding pant look is unacceptable. Please replace pants that are too short. Pants must be worn no lower than the top of the hip bone. Please hem pants to avoid the excessive bunching of fabric around the ankles, and keep pants in good repair.
2. A belt must be worn daily in grades K–8.
3. No bracelets or ankle bracelets are allowed except those containing religious, medical, or emergency information. Religious medallions may be worn only on a simple gold or silver chain.



Boys | Grades Pre-K–8

All uniform items must be purchased through Vicki Marsha Uniforms or Lands’ End Uniforms unless otherwise noted.

VickiMarsha.com LandsEnd.com

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STANDARD UNIFORM

- Pants/Shorts** flat-front twill: navy, khaki
Pants and shorts must be worn at the top of the hip bone. Pants required for special events.
- Oxford Shirt** short or long-sleeved: white
- Polo Shirt** mesh, short-sleeved: white, navy, red, light blue, yellow
mesh, short-sleeved: white with logo
mesh, long-sleeved: white, navy, red, light blue
Junior High: one mesh, short-sleeved: white with logo required for special events
- Shirts*** turtleneck white
- Sweatshirts*** **Only** Carden Hall sweatshirts are to be worn.
- Sweaters** cardigan, v-neck pullover, or vest: navy or red
- Jackets** hooded windbreaker: navy or red
- Fleece** jacket: navy or red

If desired, small monograms (last name or initials only—no decorative touches) for identification purposes on shirts, sweaters, and jackets are acceptable.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Socks*** **Socks are required.**
Not Acceptable: socks with cartoon characters, skull and crossbones, or other negative designs
- Shoes*** The goal here is to keep the feet protected and to provide adequate support for playground activities. The shoes must fit securely with laces, buckles, or velcro, and the soles must be rubber. On rainy days, waterproof (rubber) boots are acceptable—no UGG-style boots.
Not Acceptable (for safety and/or distraction reasons only):
slip-ons or zippers
shoes with lights or wheels
shoes with cartoon characters
shoes with skull and crossbones or other negative designs, including gang or graffiti-type writing
charms on shoelaces
boots or any non-athletic shoes above ankle-bone height
no sandals or Crocs
- Belts*** **A belt must be worn daily in grades K–8:** brown, black, navy, or khaki—no patterns or prints; a small, standard, traditional belt buckle is acceptable. Belt buckles may have a small logo.



Girls | Grades Pre-K-4

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YEAR ROUND

STANDARD UNIFORM

- Jumpers** zip-front jumper with box-pleat skirt: blue pinfeather, plaid, or navy
Jumpers may not be shorter than 2 inches above the top of the kneecap.
- Blouses** round collar, short or long-sleeved: white
pinfeather middy: white
- Polo Shirts** mesh, short-sleeved: white, navy, red, light blue, yellow
mesh, long-sleeved: white, navy, red, light blue
- Shirts*** turtleneck: white
- Sweatshirts*** **Only** Carden Hall sweatshirts are to be worn.
- Sweaters** cardigan, v-neck pullover, or vest: navy or red
- Jackets** hooded windbreaker: navy or red
- Fleece** jacket: navy or red
- Ties** solid, long middy: white, navy, red

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Hair Items*** hair bows, scrunchies, and simple headbands
- Modesty Shorts*** **Girls are required to wear shorts under their jumpers.**
They must not show below the hemline.
- Socks*** **Socks or tights are required.**
Acceptable decorative touches: lace, ribbon, small bows in same or contrasting color
Not Acceptable: socks with cartoon characters, skull and crossbones, or other negative designs
- Tights*** opaque, plain-knit, cable, or ribbed: white, navy, red, black—no leggings
- Shoes*** The goal here is to keep the feet protected and to provide adequate support for playground activities. The shoes must fit securely with laces, buckles, or velcro, and the soles must be rubber. On rainy days, waterproof (rubber) boots are acceptable—no UGG-style boots.
Not Acceptable (for safety and/or distraction reasons only):
slip-ons or zippers
shoes with lights or wheels
shoes with cartoon characters
shoes with skull and crossbones or other negative designs, including gang or graffiti-type writing
charms on shoelaces
sandals or any shoe with an open toe or heel
boots or any non-athletic shoes above ankle-bone height
platforms or anything other than flat soles
Crocs



Girls | Grades 5–8

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YEAR ROUND

STANDARD UNIFORM

- Skirts/Skortts** 2-pleat skirt or skort; plaid, navy, or khaki
Skirts must be worn at the top of the hip bone and may not be shorter than 2 inches above the top of the kneecap.
- Blouses** oxford, short or long-sleeved: white
3/4 sleeve: white
- Polo Shirts** mesh, short-sleeved: white, navy, red, light blue, yellow
mesh, short-sleeved: white with logo
mesh, long-sleeved: white, navy, red, light blue
Junior High: one mesh, short-sleeved: white with logo required for special events
- Shirts*** turtleneck: white
*Girls **must** wear an undershirt, camisole, or bra daily.*
- Sweatshirts*** **Only** Carden Hall sweatshirts are to be worn.
- Sweaters** cardigan, v-neck pullover, or vest: navy or red
- Jackets** hooded windbreaker: navy or red
- Fleece** jacket: navy or red

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Hair Items*** hair bows, scrunchies, and simple headbands
- Socks*** **Socks or tights are required.**
Acceptable decorative touches: lace, ribbon, small bows in same or contrasting color
Not Acceptable: socks with cartoon characters, skull and crossbones, or other negative designs
- Tights*** opaque, plain-knit, cable, or ribbed: white, navy, red, black—no leggings
- Shoes*** The goal here is to keep the feet protected and to provide adequate support for playground activities. The shoes must fit securely with laces, buckles, or velcro, and the soles must be rubber. On rainy days, waterproof (rubber) boots are acceptable—no UGG-style boots.
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slip-ons or zippers
shoes with lights or wheels
shoes with cartoon characters
shoes with skull and crossbones or other negative designs, including gang or graffiti-type writing charms on shoelaces
sandals or any shoe with an open toe or heel
boots or any non-athletic shoes above ankle-bone height
platforms or anything other than flat soles
Crocs

Hair Styles, Hats, and Make-up

HAIR STYLES

Hair should be tidy and well-groomed, in keeping with our traditional environment. Hair is to be out of the eyes. Trendy hair styles are not acceptable. Any hair style not in keeping with this code will need to be changed. Please help us to maintain the standards so that hair does not become a distraction.

All: Colored or bleached hair is unacceptable. This includes any temporary, permanent, or spray-on products that alter hair color.

Girls: Hair wraps (sections of hair wrapped with colorful thread or yarn) and the use of beads is unacceptable.

Boys: The desired look is a neat and tidy one. Hair is to be kept above the collar, the ears, and the eyebrows. Keep full, curly hair trimmed in a traditional style. A #3 buzz cut is the shortest cut acceptable. Hair may be brushed up in front, but the overall spiked and/or the messy, “bed-head” look is not acceptable.

HATS

Only Carden Hall hats or Scouting caps are permitted. Carden Hall hats are available for purchase in room 6.

MAKE-UP

Make-up (including colored lip gloss and mascara) is not to be worn at Carden Hall in Pre-K through Grade 6. In the Junior High, only clear lip gloss, light foundation, and clear nail polish or French manicures are allowed (no acrylic or gel nails).

Uniform Purchasing

Carden Hall uniforms are available at Vicki Marsha. The local Vicki Marsha Uniform store is located at 5292 Production Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92649; the phone number is 714-895-6371. You may also order items online at VickiMarsha.com. Our password is CHN1773.

Lands’ End Uniforms also offers selected styles of Carden Hall Uniforms. You may order items online at LandsEnd.com. Our School number is 900192543. Click on School and input our number to view the selections.

Labeling

It is **crucial** that you label clothing and possessions. Put your child’s **first initial and full last name** clearly on the **inside** of all sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, and lunchboxes, or monogram them on the outside (**please, no fabric paint or decorative touches**). The local police departments strongly advise against having the first name visible on the outside of any child’s clothing.

P.E. Clothing (Grades 5–8)

Two t-shirts (blue and gold) and blue shorts will be sold at Carden Hall. The coaches will print the student’s name on these items when they are purchased. The students may also wear sweatpants in solid blue or gray.

Christmas Program Dress—Pre-K–6

Students may wear dressy clothes to this special event.

BOYS: long pants—no denim

GIRLS: dresses or skirts (**no shorter than 3 inches** above the top of the knee cap); no strapless or off-the-shoulder dresses/tops; no pants; no high heels

Thanksgiving and Easter Asembly Dress—Pre-K–8

Students wear standard dress code.

BOYS:

1. Required to wear pants to the special assemblies at Thanksgiving and Easter

Hot Weather Dress

When the weather is unseasonably hot, we shall switch to **hot weather dress**. Carden Hall will announce when those days are in effect. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students may wear hot weather dress for the first two weeks of school.

BOYS:

1. Shirts: Carden Hall uniform shirts—These may be worn untucked.
2. School shoes and socks
3. Belts are not required.
4. Regular Dress Code attire is certainly acceptable.

GIRLS:

1. Shorts, skorts, or skirts (**2 inches** above the top of the kneecap): navy or tan, solid color only. Belts are not required. These are to be worn no lower than the top of the hip bone.
2. Blouses – Carden Hall uniform blouses/tops. These may be worn untucked.

3. School shoes and socks

4. Regular Dress Code attire is certainly acceptable.

Last Day Dress—Pre-K–8

BOYS:

1. Shorts or long pants (any color): no cut-off, high-cut shorts, or board shorts; no shorts with holes or tears; no swim suits; no low-riding styles. Belts are not required.
2. Shirts or t-shirts: no tank tops; no inappropriate or negative themes. These may be worn untucked.
3. School shoes and socks are required. In grades 5–8 only, sandals are acceptable for Spring Sing, but are not required.
4. Regular Dress Code attire is certainly acceptable.

GIRLS:

1. Sundresses or skirts (no shorter than **3 inches** above the top of the kneecap); no spandex; no off-the-shoulder, strapless, or thin-strapped dresses; no mini, ankle-length, or low-riding skirts
2. Shorts, capris, pants, or skorts (any color): no spandex (grades 5–8), cut-off, or high-cut shorts; no holes or tears; no low-riding or skin-tight styles
3. Blouses, t-shirts, or tops: no spandex, off-the-shoulder, strapless, or thin-strapped tops; no crop tops or bare midriffs; no inappropriate or negative themes
4. School shoes and socks are required for Play Day. In Grades 5–8 only; sandals are acceptable for Spring Sing but are not required.
5. Regular Dress Code attire is certainly acceptable.

In **Grades Pre-K–4** the students will wear the same clothes to the All-school Relays and to Spring Sing.

In **Grades 5–8** the students are to come to school dressed in regulation P.E. clothes. They will have a few minutes in which to change before Spring Sing.

Junior High Special Events Dress

BOYS:

<i>Field Trips (7–8), Yearbook Ads (8)</i>	White polo shirt with Carden Hall logo All other attire is to follow regular uniform dress.
<i>Christmas Programs (7–8), Winter Dance (7–8)</i>	Dress slacks (no uniform slacks); dress shirt and tie; sport coat, sweater, or vest; no fleece; non-athletic, leather dress shoes (no leather tennis shoes)
<i>Cotton Cotillion (7–8)</i>	Suit or sport coat (no tuxedos); dress slacks (no cords or uniform slacks); dress shirt and tie; non-athletic, leather dress shoes (no leather tennis shoes)
<i>Graduation (7)</i>	Suit or sport coat; dress slacks (no cords or uniform slacks); dress shirt and tie; non-athletic, leather dress shoes (no leather tennis shoes)
<i>Graduation (8)</i>	The specifics will be available before the February break.

GIRLS:

<i>Field Trips (7–8), Yearbook Ads (8)</i>	White polo shirt with Carden Hall logo All other attire to follow regular uniform dress.
<i>Christmas Programs (7–8), Winter Dance (7–8), Cotton Cotillion (7–8)</i>	<p>Party outfits: long skirts are fine; no pants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No strapless, off-the-shoulder, backless, very low-backed, cut-out backs, or bare midriff styles. If the outfit selected has spaghetti straps, a sweater or light jacket must be worn during the event. Spaghetti straps without a covering are acceptable at Cotton Cotillion <u>only</u>. (A shawl is <u>not</u> an appropriate bare-shoulder covering.) • No skirts/dresses shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap; no low-riding skirts or short tops where the midriff shows while dancing. <p>Shoes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flats, platforms, or shoes with regular soles (no plastics); no athletic shoes • Two-inch height, maximum. <p>Appropriate jewelry may be worn. Light make-up and colored nail polish are acceptable.</p>
<i>Graduation (7)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party outfits: dresses/skirts—skirt length no shorter than 3 inches above the <u>top</u> of the kneecap; sundresses (minimum strap width of one-and-one-half inches); no spaghetti straps without a sweater or jacket • Shoes: same as for Christmas Programs (above) • Jewelry: same standards as the Dress Code • Light make-up is acceptable.
<i>Graduation (8)</i>	The specifics will be available before the February break.