## Collinswood Uniform Guidelines (revised 9/2/2022)

Polo or button down collared shirt, long or short sleeved	Pants	Shorts & Skirts	Jumpers & Dresses	Leggings (when worn under skirts or dresses)	Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Sweaters	Socks
Solid white, navy or light blue 6-8 House Polos 6-8 House Polos Tierra Green Tierra Green Aire Yellow Aire Yellow Fuego Red	Solid navy or khaki	Solid navy or khaki	Solid navy or khaki	Solid navy or khaki	Solid white, navy, or grey 6-8 House Hoodies	Suggested: Solid white, navy, or grey

**K-8 Tops:** Polo-style or button-down collared shirt in white, light blue or navy. Shirts should be solid colors and contain no writing or logos except for the Collinswood logo. T-shirts are not allowed. Long-sleeved shirts worn under a collared shirt must be solid white or solid navy as well. Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grade students may wear their house color polo in addition to the solid white, navy or light blue polos.

**K-8 Bottoms:** Pants, shorts, skirts and dresses in navy or khaki. Shorts/skirts and dresses should extend below the finger tip when worn without leggings. Leggings should be in uniform colors. **\*\*Eighth-grade students only** may wear dark- or light-colored jeans. Jeans must not have rips, holes, rhinestones or any writing.

**K-8 Outerwear**: Jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts kept on during the school day should be solid-color (minimal writing, 3 inch by 3 inch) white, navy or grey. They may contain the Collinswood logo. (Winter coats in other colors are allowed but must be removed during the school day.)

**K-8 Shoes**: Students should wear sneakers or athletic shoes with a rubber sole, closed heel and a closed toe. Students may not wear boots indoors during the school day. This includes hiking boots, cowboy boots, fashion boots, rain boots and sweater boots. Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, blinky lights or heelies are not permitted.

Face Coverings, Jewelry, Socks, Head bands and Other Accessories: Small articles of jewelry, socks, head bands and other accessories (earrings, necklaces, bracelets) are permitted as long as they do not cause a distraction within the learning environment. The school cannot be responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced articles of jewelry. Face coverings are required consistent with CMS guidelines.

## Uniforms-- EVERYDAY:

As one of the oldest dual language schools in the southeastern United States, Collinswood Language Academy has a history of excellence, rigor and high academic achievement. High academic rigor while developing bilingualism and biliteracy serve as a driver for learning. Common school uniforms reflect our **school identity** built on a solid foundation of high academic success where our students embody our vision of positively impacting their world today and every day. School uniforms bring a sense of **school pride** and **school spirit** to our campus, while helping to eliminate the real and perceived disparities amongst students based on socio-economic status.

Our school culture nurtures students as they develop and grow both academically and socially and thrive in the consistency and safe environment provided at Collinswood. Our students engage in learning experiences which promote academic, personal and social achievement. School uniforms support our unified vision of **excellence and leadership**.

Uniforms are expected for all students enrolled at Collinswood Language Academy except on scheduled non-uniform days or when special permission is granted by administration for Spirit and/or Picture days. Parents will receive advanced notice of Spirit and/or Picture Days. Additionally, parents will be notified about appropriate apparel for these days. It is further understood that parents will have been made fully aware of the expectations for school uniforms when enrolling their children in our school. And by enrolling at Collinswood agree to follow the uniform policy.

Our first priority each and every day is to make sure that our scholars are safe and to ensure that they receive an excellent education without distractions or obstacles. Our school community will help to educate new parents about how our school wide uniform policy supports our comprehensive school vision and provide them with community resources for buying/securing uniforms.

## In need of a uniform:

From time to time, family events and emergencies may occur; please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or school counselor who can assist with a donated, clean uniform in an emergency. Our Student Services Team will support our school uniform policy by advocating to community partners for donations and support. Our Student Services Team will work with families who may have a difficult time securing uniforms whenever possible. The school will have a limited number of uniforms on hand as we receive donations from outside sponsors. However, parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their child has appropriate school attire.

## When a student is not following the uniform guidelines:

When students choose not to follow the agreed upon school uniform policy, the following actions will be taken to support our students and families in joining our unified vision of excellence:

First, a teacher or staff member will conference with the student to understand the purpose of noncompliance. The staff member will inform the parent.

Second, the teacher, counselor or a designated school staff member will call parent and request parent to bring a uniform to school.

Third, a parent teacher conference with the school counselor and teacher.

Continued noncompliance: Code of Conduct Violation. Disciplinary consequence assigned by intervening administrator.