

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

PHILOSOPHY

As Christians, we are to glorify God in all we do and to reflect His character in all aspects of our lives. Our dress should reflect our Christian walk and contribute to our testimony for Christ. Christians are to live by a higher standard. This dress code has been established to help the students of Washtenaw Christian Academy apply the principles of Scripture to their appearance, to create a school atmosphere conducive to learning and to enhance the Christian testimony of our school. Our goal is neatness and modesty. (References: I Corinthians: 6:19-20, 10:31, I Peter 2:12, 3:3-4)

GUIDELINES

GIRLS and BOYS (please refer to www.washtenawchristian.org for examples)

Pants & shorts:

Twill or corduroy pants, walking shorts (no more than 2 inches above the top of the knee while standing) and capri pants (for girls) in black, navy, khaki/tan, brown or gray. Only traditional styles (no baggy, camouflage or large pockets.)

Shirts:

Polo style, turtleneck and mock turtlenecks, Oxford button down and Henley style. Shirts may be in solid colors, stripes or patterns. Long or short sleeves are allowed. Girls may also wear "Peter Pan" collared style shirt. Small, appropriate logos are allowed. Shirts may be un-tucked if they have a finished bottom hem. No large words, camouflage or lace.

Skirts and Jumpers for girls:

Girls may wear jumpers, skirts, and skorts (no more than 2 inches above the top of the knee while standing) in solid black, navy, khaki/tan, brown or gray. Only traditional styles are permitted.

Sweaters:

Cardigan, crew neck, and v-neck sweaters are acceptable, no hoods

Sweatshirts:

Sweatshirts with our WCA logo will be allowed. They will be available for purchase periodically throughout the school year through the school office.

Accessories:

Shoes that cover the foot must be worn. Sandal type shoes, or shoes with wheels are NOT permitted. Socks are required.

A belt is to be worn by K - 6th graders if their garment has visible belt loops or is necessary to hold pants up.

Gym Class appropriate gym shoes are required with non-marking soles.

Items not permitted at any time:

Sleeveless shirts, shirts that show midriff when arms are fully extended above the head, mesh & sheer fabrics, clothing made of stretch material (I.E.: lycra), leather/ leather like fabrics, etc., also tight fitting or extremely baggy clothes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Regular Dress or Casual for A Cause Day Donation (\$\$)	Regular Dress Code	Regular Dress Code	Regular Dress Code	Regular Dress or Wildcat Spirit Day

Casual or Casual for a Cause Day:

Students may wear anything previously stated in the dress code policy.

- Denim pants and shorts are acceptable, consistent with the fit requirements for dress code. No low riding waist or laced closure/seams, or skinny jeans.
- T-Shirts and sweatshirts are acceptable, as long as they are appropriate with no aggressive or inappropriate pictures or language.
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts.
- No sweat pants, or athletic-style shorts or pants (unless they have a WCA logo)
- No leggings

Casual days occur on Monday for all students who choose to pay for the Casual for A Cause. Additional casual days may occur as rewards for students. The elementary Administration will send notification to parents regarding any additional casual days by phone or e-mail.

Wildcat Spirit Day :(Fridays)

Students may wear any clothing with our Wildcat logo on it that is neat, modest and appropriate. Show your school spirit by wearing clothes available from the Boosters or office. Jeans are permitted with spirit wear tops. Regular dress code applies otherwise.

The Administration shall make all final decisions regarding the appropriateness of school dress.

WCA Secondary Dress Code Policy

Purpose Statement: The Dress Policy of WCA seeks to reflect the school's identity as a Christian educational community, by providing a standard that will help students balance expressions of individuality with honoring God and respecting others.

A biblical approach to dress must be purposeful, designed to complement other educational and character-building efforts. Our goal for the students is that they will learn to make wise choices in all areas that will ultimately honor God. WCA strives to provide an environment where clothing choices do not distract from learning or compromise our commitment to purity. Our enforcement of the dress policy is within the spirit of creating an environment in which students learn and develop Christian character. WCA Administration exercises the right to serve as the final authority on student appearance during school operations. We seek to have students choose clothing that is modest, appropriate, and neat. This applies throughout the school-day, including extra-curricular events and field trips.

All items of clothing must be clean and neat without showing signs of wear or damage. (References: I Corinthians: 6:19-20, 10:23,31, I Peter 2:12, 3:3-4)

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Regular Dress Code Guidelines

Pants & shorts:

Twill, cargo or corduroy pants, walking shorts (no more than 2 inches above the top of the knee while standing) and capri pants (for girls). These must be loose fitting, yet not excessively baggy. (NO camouflage, tight fitting or skinny jeans/pants, sweatpants, or athletic-style shorts or pants)

Shirts:

Polo, Oxford/dress shirts or Henley style. Girls may also wear blouses or collared shirts. Shirts may be in solid colors, stripes or patterns. Long or short sleeves are permitted.

NO sleeveless shirts or tank tops unless layered under appropriate tops.

Small, appropriate logos are allowed. NO large words.

All undershirts must be crew neck style (girls and boys)

NO see-through tops or blouses. NO camisoles.

Girls: all tops must fit properly by being loose fitting across the chest, showing NO cleavage or midriff.

Skirts for girls:

Girls may wear skirts (**no more than 2 inches** above the top of the knee while standing).

NO leggings (worn with long tops) are allowed. No fishnet stockings.

Sweaters:

Cardigan, crew neck, and v-neck sweaters are acceptable.

Sweatshirts and Lightweight Jackets:

Only sweatshirts and lightweight jackets with the WCA logo will be allowed. They will be available for purchase before and throughout the school year through the Booster Club and the school office.

Accessories:

NO flip flops, beach footwear, or heels over 2" tall

NO hats allowed during the school day

NO visible tattoos or body piercing permitted (other than ears)

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Gym Class/Sport Attire:

Loose fitting and modest clothing is expected for all athletes and gym class participants

NO tank tops, spandex, or biker shorts are permitted as a top or outer layer; they can be worn under appropriate shorts or tops.

Shirts are required at all times. This includes indoor and outdoor boys sports practices.

All gym shoes must have non- marking soles

Inappropriate words or pictures on clothing will not be allowed.

Waistbands must NOT be rolled down.

Students must change into dress-code clothing before going to their next class.

Special Occasion Attire for Secondary Events:

For all special occasions, girls' dresses must be pre-approved by a female staff member appointed to this task. Any dress that needs alterations must be rechecked for final approval.

Dress Code Management:

We trust parents to take primary responsibility for the way their children dress for WCA school days and activities. We also trust parents to cooperate in the effort to achieve the dress code purpose statement as described above.

All teachers, staff, and administration may address dress-code violations and require a student to take action.

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