

WCS DRESS CODE POLICY 2017-2018

After years of toiling away trying to enforce a uniform policy, we have decided that for at least one year we are going to try to simply have a dress code rather than a uniform. The hope is that the dress code will eliminate some of the challenges the school has experienced with the enforcement of the uniform requirements. This will be a trial year and the admin team will make a decision next spring as to whether or not we will continue with a dress code or if we go back to a simple uniform where everyone (LS and MS) is the same.

There appears to be a definite relationship between appropriate dress, good work habits, and proper school behavior. Recognizing the relationship between personal dress and personal attitude, students are encouraged to dress in a manner that demonstrates pride both in themselves and in their school.

The following guidelines shall apply to attendance at school and all school activities and events:

- Students are expected to be neat and appropriately attired for school.
- Shoes appropriate for school activities must be worn at all times. Closed toe and closed backs on shoes are to be worn at all times. It is expected that on PE days, students wear sneakers along with the proper PE uniform.
- ***STUDENTS MUST BE PREPARED FOR EVERY PE CLASS- sneakers, gym shorts, t-shirts, or sweats are appropriate for PE.***
- Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
- Leggings /tights can be worn but **ONLY** under dresses, shorts, or skirts. They **CAN'T** be worn alone.
- All skirts and shorts must be as long as the longest finger when hands are placed to the student's side **even if the student is wearing leggings.**
- Pants must fit the waist and belts must be worn if pants don't fit at the waist.

The following items are NOT permitted at school and any student not in compliance of the dress code violation will be subject to consequences:

- No slippers, house shoes, flip flops, slides or high heel shoes.
- See-through fabrics, sheer, fishnet fabrics, clothing with holes, frayed or rips of any kind regardless of how they are originally made.
- Clothing that is too tight or revealing **may NOT** be worn.
- Undergarments may not be visible (i.e. boys - underwear/boxers; girls - bras, undershirts or underwear)
- No facial piercings or piercings that pose a safety risk of any kind are allowed.
- Dress, accessories and jewelry which contain obscene symbols, signs, or slogans, and/or which slur or degrade on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, sex, disability, or sexual orientation, contain language or symbols supporting sex, drugs, alcohol or tobacco, and

impose a threat of imminent violence or disruption to the orderly operation of the school shall not be worn.

- No hoods may be worn indoors for both boys and girls. Hats are not permitted for both boys and girls.
- Leggings, jeggings and/or tights.
- Shirts that expose the stomach or are low cut in front, back, or sides; excessively tight or see-through shirts.
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- Tank tops, spaghetti straps or strapless tops.
- Students' faces must be fully visible at all times. Masks are not allowed.
- Pajamas are not allowed at school, unless on an approved spirit day.
- Sagging, or wearing of shorts/pants below the waist and or in a manner that allows underwear, under clothing, or base skin to show, or excessively baggy or long pants with low-hanging mid sections are not allowed.

Violation of the Dress Code

When a student is deemed to be in violation of the dress code, the family will be called to bring the student a change of clothes. If dress code violations persists student will be given appropriate consequences, which include loss of privilege, loss of recess, make up time and Saturday Make up Time.