

WCS DRESS CODE

The dress code of Webster Christian School is designed to ensure and promote neatness and modesty and to encourage a proper environment for learning. Colossians 3:12 reminds us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. The dress code items listed below are intended to be the standard for our school, which allows for personal expression, but maintains a Christ-like testimony in the school and communities served. Modesty and neatness continue to be our controlling elements of evaluation.

Students are expected to follow the dress code with an attitude of compliance. Administration and teachers alike will enforce all dress code rules. **However, most dress code violations will be eliminated if parents assume the responsibility of daily enforcing our policy before their child leaves for school.**

If a student is found to be inappropriately dressed, in addition to detention, one or more of the consequences listed below may result.

1. The school will provide alternative outfits, if available. Parents will be notified if this has occurred.
2. If no alternative outfit is available, parents will be called from the school office to bring in a change of clothes.
3. Loss of Dress Down Day privilege. Parents will be notified if this has occurred.
4. Persistent violators may serve in-school suspension or be removed from school.

General Guidelines

Clothing/Appearance

1. All apparel is to be neat, clean and in good condition. No holes, frayed or worn looking clothing will be permitted.
2. Clothing is to be appropriately sized; not baggy, tight fitting or revealing. All underclothes are to be completely covered!
3. Skirts are to be knee-length so that when kneeling, the skirt touches the floor. Denim skirts may be worn.
4. No hats, hoodies, gloves or sunglasses are permitted while inside the building. Only the new WCS fleece jackets or school athletic jackets will be acceptable for jackets worn inside the building. Of course, dress sweaters (with no writing or other advertisements on them) are always acceptable.
5. Shorts/Culottes are not permitted.
6. No warm-up pants, nylon wind pants, sweatpants, or camouflage (any color) clothes are permitted.
7. No denim attire permitted except on dress down days. The exception to this rule is that girls may wear denim skirts that are knee-length.
8. No sleeveless tops are permitted. Shoulders are to be covered at all times.
9. Students shall make every attempt to avoid dress styles associated with gang, gothic or any other type of activity contrary to the Christian standards of WCS.

Jewelry

1. Other than girl's ears (one or two earrings per ear maximum), no other body-piercing is permitted.
2. No earrings may be worn by boys.
3. No body art is permitted.

Hair

1. Hair is to be neatly groomed and combed.
2. Extreme hairstyles including, but not limited to, shaved or excessively spiked hair styles are not permitted.
3. Hair may not be highlighted in any extreme multi-tone or color fashion.
4. Boys' hair must be neat, clean, out of the eyes and with length not below the normal shirt collar top.
5. If boys are requested to have a haircut, parents, please do so in a timely manner.

Regular School Day Dress – Boys and Girls (K – 5th Grade)

1. Pants – Dress slacks and below knee-length capris (for girls) are permitted. No jeans, sweatpants or nylon-type wind pants are permitted. Jeans, sweatpants and wind pants, in good repair, may be worn on dress down days.
2. Shirts – Neat and modest shirts (with or without collar). No T-shirts with inappropriate wording. No sleeveless tops are permitted.

3. For girls – No tight fitting slacks, leotards or leggings may be worn without accompanying cover. The accompanying cover must be knee-length and not shorter.
4. Footwear should not be a safety-hazard, therefore flip-flops and clog-type or platform shoes are not permitted. These can be dangerous for our students while climbing on playground equipment. Closed-toe sandals are permitted in the warmer months.
5. Hairstyles as outlined above.
6. No piercing (for boys) or body art is permitted in any form.
7. Fridays are dress down days for students and teachers. Denim jeans, in good repair, may be worn on dress down days.
8. 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students change into gym clothes for gym class. Knee-length shorts are permitted for gym class, as well as loose-fitting t-shirts. In the cooler months, children may wear sweat pants and wind pants to gym. Depending on the time that your child has gym, he/she may be asked to come to school in gym clothes. If this is the case, please remember to send your child with a change of appropriate school clothes to be put on in the locker rooms after gym class.

Regular School Day Dress – Boys (6th Grade – 12th Grade)

1. Pants – Normal dress slacks/khakis worn at the waist and not dragging on the ground, worn or fraying. Dress shorts(knee length) may be worn during Spring Regents exams.
2. Shirts – Shirts with a collar are required. This includes dress and polo style. No T-shirts are permitted. Shirts promoting secular cultures (manufacturers' advertisements) are not permitted. Dress shirts must be tucked in. Sweaters may be worn in the winter months.
3. Shoes – Dress shoes or well-maintained sneakers are required.
4. CHAPEL DRESS – Shirts and ties are required. Only the new WCS fleece jackets are acceptable. NO HOODIES.

Regular School Day Dress – Girls (6th Grade – 12th Grade)

1. Pants – Loose-fitting dress slacks worn at the waist and not dragging on the ground, worn or fraying. Dress shorts (knee length) may be worn during Spring Regents exams. Capris that are below the knee are permitted during the warmer months.
2. Shirts – Clothing that promotes secular cultures (manufacturers' advertisements) are not permitted. Blouses/shirts should be loose-fitting and should have a modest neckline. A modest neckline is defined as one that does not extend more than two inches below the collar bone. Another good way to determine whether or not a top is modest, place your open hand horizontally at the base of the throat. The top of the collar of the blouse, shirt or dress should not be below the end of your hand (i.e. – below the end of the pinky finger). No sleeveless tops are permitted. Blouses/shirts should be long enough to ensure that when arms are raised no bare midriffs are exposed.
3. Dresses/Skirts – Length of skirt/dress is to the knee – even when leggings are worn.
4. Shoes – Clean and neat. Sandals are permitted.
5. CHAPEL DRESS – Dresses or skirts are required. Denim skirts at the appropriate length are also permitted. Only the new WCS fleece jackets are acceptable. NO HOODIES

Dress Down Days - Jeans worn at the waist are permitted. Jeans should be in good repair with no holes. Loose-fitting T-shirts are permitted. Hoodies are permitted ONLY ON DRESS DOWN DAYS. No T-shirts or hoodies with secular groups or artists advertisements are permitted. No winter hats may be worn while indoors. Hoods must never be worn while indoors. All other standards of dress still apply – including hair and jewelry.

Dress for Gym Classes: The basic required gym outfit is as follows: **Grades K-2:** sneakers and pants (or girls may wear shorts under their dresses); **Grades 3-12:** loose-fitting sweatshirts, loose-fitting T-shirts, sweatpants, knee-length, loose-fitting shorts, and sneakers. No form-fitting clothes.