



Upper School Standard of Dress

Philosophy: the purpose of a dress code is to create a positive educational atmosphere, school identity, and community for WCS.

1. Neat, modest, and appropriate clothing encourages and reinforces conduct, which is conducive to learning, healthy interactions, and a sense of Christian community.
2. It is the intent of the uniform Standard of Dress to create clear and consistent guidelines for all students. It serves as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the students as they participate in the educational process.
3. Parents are responsible to ensure that students are following the WCS Standard of Dress.

General Expectations:

1. The WCS standard of dress is to be worn by Upper School students during all school hours.
2. Lands' End is the exclusive clothing provider for WCS.
3. Students may wear long black or tan pants that are not Lands' End brand. Pants should be khaki style. Students may not wear cargo pants, pants with hems gathered at the ankle, or pants with patch pockets (example: tan jeans).
4. Students may wear Warrior wear but not t-shirts or sweatpants.
5. **Girls skirts must be Lands' End brand chosen from one of the styles offered on the Lands' End Web site for Wilmington Christian School - Upper School students.**
Regarding the issues of modesty and neatness, appropriate sizes are to be worn (Lands' End websites for correct sizing as stated in # 8 under Specific Expectations.)
6. Accessories (belts, socks, hairbands, etc.) are optional, may be purchased elsewhere, and should complement the uniform. Accessories should be red, black, white, brown, gold, or silver (no colors or patterns that "clash").
7. In addition to Lands' End fleeces and sweaters, Warrior wear light jackets, hoodies (hoods may not be worn on the head during school), and sweatshirts may be worn during school hours as well as WCS logo flannel shirts. T-shirts of any kind (long or short sleeve) are not permitted to be worn during the school day. No other outerwear (coats, jackets, etc.) may be worn during the school day.
8. Upper School students may not wear shorts or skorts as part of the school uniform.

Specific Expectations:

1. Footwear:
 - a. Dress shoes, dress sandals, Crocs, clogs, boots, and sneakers, are the only acceptable footwear. Flip-flops (defined as open-backed shoes, consisting of Y-strap that connects at the toes), sport sandals (slides), slippers (including moccasins and fur/fleece trimmed), and shoes with wheels are not permitted.

2. Accessories:
 - a. Legwear (including knee socks) must be solid colors red, black, white, tan (no patterns or colors that “clash”).
 - b. Sweatpants may not be worn during the school day.
 - c. Leggings (spandex) may only be worn under dresses or skirts.
3. Hair:
 - a. Hairstyles and colors that are distracting or draw undue attention to the student are not permitted.
 - b. Boys’ hair must not be below the collar, completely covering their ears, eyes, or in their face.
4. Piercing:
 - a. **Upper School Girls’** facial piercing is limited to the ears only and may not include gauges. **If piercings are in non-ear locations, only clear spacers may be worn.** No rings or metal post earrings are permitted in non-ear locations.
 - b. **High School Boys’** facial piercing is limited to the ears only and may not include gauges.
 - c. **Middle School Boys** may not wear earrings during school hours or at school functions and may not have facial piercings.
5. All dress shirts must be appropriately buttoned. When worn with a tie, dress shirts are to be tucked in.
6. Plain white, black, or red short or long-sleeved undershirts may be worn under any approved uniform apparel. No wording or symbols on the undershirt may be visible. All undershirts are to be tucked-in or must not be visible below the uniform shirt.
7. **If a light Warrior jacket, buttoned sweater, or zipper fleece is being worn, a uniform polo or dress shirt must be worn underneath it.**
8. Immodesty regarding tightness of pants and skirts and shortness of skirts will not be permitted. **Girl’s skirts may not exceed 4” above the kneecap. A good guide for this is when arms are by the side, 4” is at fingertip length.** Midriffs are to be always covered.
9. Hats or other head coverings are not to be worn inside the school building. (Hoodies down.)

Enforcement:

1. Students out of uniform remain in the office until acceptable clothing is obtained. Continued violation will result in a parent conference.
2. Students wearing the WCS uniform in an inappropriate manner will receive an infraction from the homeroom or classroom teacher and be expected to correct the issue.
3. Proper dress for extracurricular activities, field trips, or special events will be announced in advance.

The administration holds the authority to make specific and individual determinations regarding immodesty, outlandish, or inappropriate manners of dress or appearance. Violations may possibly result in the student being suspended in the office for the remainder of the day.