

Windsor Charter Academy
Student Dress Code

The responsibility to make academics the primary focus obligates Windsor Charter Academy to prevent anything that may distract from the education of students. It is expected that the students of WCA maintain their person and clothing in a modest, clean, and orderly manner consistent with the school uniform dress code and compatible with educational programming. In order to ensure the proper appearance of students is maintained, the principal or designee will make the final determination as to the appropriate apparel in a questionable circumstance. The dress code items stated below are the only items allowed. We expect that both parents and students will follow the spirit of the dress code.

If there are any questions regarding dress code items, please check with the Principal before purchasing.

School Colors: White, Khaki, Navy-Blue, Burgundy, and Pale Yellow.

Middle School (6-8) are allowed Light Blue & Hunter Green in addition to the above school colors

GENERAL DRESS CODE

General Appearance

- All clothes must be plain, neat and clean.
- No student will convey violent, racist, or obscene messages or symbols through dress.
- Hair should be neatly groomed and of natural color. Only natural looking cosmetics and nail polish are allowed.
- Please label all clothing items so they may be returned.

Pants, Capri's, & Shorts

- Colors: Solid Navy and khaki
- Styles: Cotton twill, stiff polyester, or corduroy. No denim.
- Length: Shorts must be no shorter than a credit card length above the knee or no longer than the bottom of the knee.
- Pockets: Shorts or pants must not have more than 6 pockets.
- Bike Shorts: Navy, white, or khaki bike shorts must be worn under skirts and jumpers and must not be visible while standing.

Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, & Dresses

- Colors: Navy, khaki, or burgundy.
- Fabric: cotton twill, stiff polyester or corduroy.
- Styles: pleated or straight. Must be within a credit card length above the knee or longer.

Shirts

- Short or long sleeved classic polo style shirt in solid white, navy, burgundy, and light yellow.
- Oxfords and Peter Pan shirts must be solid white only (Grades K-5).
- Turtlenecks & mock turtlenecks must be plain and must be solid white, navy, burgundy, or pale yellow.
- Buttons must match the shirt or be a neutral color.
- If student is wearing a turtleneck under a polo shirt, both shirts must be the same color.
- Shirts must be completely tucked in at all times.
- Middle School Only: (6-8) Solid light blue or hunter green polo shirts, oxfords, turtlenecks, and mock necks are allowed.
- Middle School Only: (6-8) Girls may wear a button down fitted blouse with collar in solid white, solid light blue, or solid hunter green.

Sweaters & Sweater Vest

- Colors: Solid navy and white.
- Styles: crew neck, mock turtleneck, Henley collar, cardigans, or pullovers.
- All sweaters and/or sweater vests must be worn over a dress code compliant shirt.

Sweatshirts

- There are two approved sweatshirts that may be worn in school.
 1. Solid navy crewneck sweatshirt with the approved school logo embroidered on it.
(Sweatshirts can be embroidered at Sovereign Threads [formerly Logo Pros] in Windsor.)
 2. Windsor Charter Spirit hoodie.
- Sweatshirts must be worn over a dress code compliant shirt.

Jackets & Outerwear

- The only approved jacket to be worn inside school is the navy fleece jacket purchased from Sovereign Threads [formerly Logo Pros] with the approved WCA logo embroidered on it.
- Jackets and coats are not to be worn inside the building. They will only be allowed in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher.
- Scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, snow boots, and ear warmers are only to be worn outside the building.

Belts

- Belts are optional and must be solid navy, white, brown, or black and can be flat or braided.

Socks

- Socks and tights must be a solid school color. White, black or brown socks are only allowed under pants.

Shoes

- All shoes must have closed toes, heels, and sides. Acceptable styles include athletic, oxford, Mary Jane's, loafers, and boots.
- No lighted, character, or platform shoes allowed. Heels must be lower than 1 ½ inches.
- Shoes must be mostly navy, black, brown, or white.
- Snow boots can only be worn outdoors. They must be removed after the student returns to class.

Jewelry

- Jewelry must be modest and in good taste.
- Earrings must be less than one inch from base of earlobe.
- Piercing only allowed on the ears, all others must be removed during school hours and during school functions.

Hair Accessories

- Colors: navy, white, burgundy, light yellow, brown or black. Metal barrettes are acceptable.

Scouting Uniforms

- Students participating in scouting programs may wear their uniform on meeting days.

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

The formal dress uniform is mandatory for certain functions to be determined by WCA including special occasions, field trips, pictures, etc...

Boys

- White oxford shirt, long or short sleeve, navy pants, approved French Toast tie (blue and gold plaid).
- Blue sweater vest or crew neck sweater (Optional)

Girls

- White oxford or Peter Pan collar, long or short sleeve, navy pants or skirt, approved French Toast crossover tie (blue and gold plaid)
- Blue sweater vest, crew neck sweater, or cardigan sweater (Optional)

- The Principal and staff reserve the right to declare a student in violation of the dress code and to mandate appropriate compliance in accordance with the policy.
- A student found in repeated violation of the dress code will be subject to review by his/her parents/guardians, the principal and board as to appropriate disciplinary action.
 - Expulsion is a valid form of discipline for chronic dress code violations.
- If at any time due to medical needs, a student is not able to comply completely with the dress code, a written note from a physician is needed. A conference with the student, guardian/parent, and teacher/principal will be held to determine the best way to honor the dress code and remain comfortable and healthy.
 - The uniforms may be updated on occasion with the approval of the Executive Board of WCA.
 - A list of retailers is available at the front desk upon request.

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