WINDSOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2026-2027 DRESS CODE

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A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Windsor Christian Academy seeks to support the instruction of young people in such virtues as modesty and propriety. We consider dress standards to be an important means toward that end. It is our goal to teach proper dress habits for appropriate activities. These activities include school instruction, athletic contests, special events, and formal occasions.
Our dress should reflect our Christian walk and character. Our outward appearance is a reflection of our hearts and minds. It is the desire of this school to encourage all teachers and students to magnify Christ in the wearing of clothing which displays decency and modesty. WCA does not condemn styles or trends, but for the ease of enforcement, must maintain a standardized dress code.

Since styles and fashions change rapidly in our society, WCA reserves the right to adopt and enforce appropriate dress code standards not specified in this dress code. The principal will have the final decision concerning any questionable clothing worn by a student. WCA reserves the right to require any student dressed unacceptably to change clothing before attending classes or participating in any school-sponsored functions such as field trips or holiday scoring on campus.

All students shall conform to the dress standards of WCA as enforced by the administration. The standards stated below should not be considered exhaustive, but are examples of the type of standards that will be upheld at the school. The key to our dress code is <u>modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness.</u>

Royal blue uniform polos and T-shirts are required for all students. During school-sponsored field trips, conventions, and school spirit days, all students must wear the prescribed WCA shirt.

Gender-Specific Guidelines – Guidelines for girls or for boys will be enforced according to the gender listed on the student's birth certificate.

Time of Enforcement - All dress code rules are in effect during the regular school day and at all school-sponsored functions such as field trips or holiday scoring on campus. Any change in dress code requirements for a particular activity will be announced in advance of the activity. All students (whether part-time or full-time) must be in proper school attire from the time they arrive in the morning until the time they leave the campus in the afternoon.

Condition of Clothing - Clothing should be clean with no holes, rips or tears. The clothing should not be tight-fitting or see-through.

Graphics - The school holds the right to make the decision for what is appropriate and what is not. "When in doubt… DON'T!"

Outerwear - Heavy coats or sweatshirt hoods should not be worn in the classroom during school hours. Graphics for sweatshirts and hoodies need to follow the same guidelines as t-shirts on dress-down days. We suggest that a sweater or sweatshirt be kept in the student cubby to be used on cooler days. If outerwear must be pulled over the head to take it off, it must be taken off during breaks only, and must be taken off in the restroom. No hats are to be worn inside the Learning Center or in classrooms except for specially-announced days.

Hair - Girls: Fad styles, such as spiked, razor cuts, streaks, or extreme designs or coloring are not permitted. Hair should be styled so it does not hang over or in the eyes, or cause a distraction to others. Highlighting must fall within natural color ranges only.

Hair - Boys: Hair must be cut neatly to lie off the collar and ears, and trimmed so it does not hang in the eyes. If a haircut notification has been sent home, your child has 3 days to get his haircut. After the third day, don't send him to school without a haircut. Extreme fad styles, coloring, or razor design cuts are not permitted. Boys may cut their hair as short as they like, including buzz cut or shaved. Highlighting must fall within natural color ranges only. Boys' faces must be clean-shaven. If a shave notification has been sent home, your son may not come back to school until he has shaved. No sideburns are allowed below the bottom of the ear.

Jewelry - Girls: Fad or distracting jewelry is prohibited. Earrings should not dangle more than 2 inches. Excessive piercing is considered distracting. Facial, nose, and tongue piercing jewelry are prohibited.

Jewelry - Boys: Facial, nose, tongue, and ear piercing jewelry are prohibited.

Tattoos - Tattoos are prohibited. Should a student have a tattoo, it must be covered at all times. Students are never to show, promote, or discuss their tattoo with other students.

Violations Procedures - When a student comes to school with a dress code violation, the student will be given replacement clothes which must be returned clean to the school by the next school day. The student will pay for any clothing not returned to the school in a timely manner. If replacement clothing is not available, a parent will be contacted the student will be required to change before attending classes or attending any school-sponsored functions such as field trips or holiday scoring on campus

B. DRESS CODE FOR K-1st GRADE STUDENTS

Our dress code for younger students is more flexible than for our older students because parents generally exert more control over younger students' clothing choices. Younger students may wear Bermuda-length shorts or pants, including denim, shirts with sleeves, including tee shirts, polo shirts, button-down shirts, and for girls, knee-length skirts, jumpers, or dresses with shorts underneath. Shoes, sneakers, or sandals must be worn at all times. Flip-flops, clogs, or open shoes without a heel strap are not to be worn. We want our younger students to be free to play during breaks without having to think about whether their clothing is modest for their activities. (See "Dress Up" Dress Code below for awards ceremony dress requirements for all students.)

C. "EVERY DAY" DRESS CODE (LEARNING CENTER STUDENTS)

Girls will wear:

- **Skirts** – modest, solid colors, prints, or patterns. Denim may be worn, but it needs to look neat and clean. Skirt length must completely cover the knee while standing. Slits above the knee are not permitted. No jeans or slacks may be worn under skirts. Shorts, tights, or leggings may be worn under the skirt.
- **Pants and Shorts** –Pants and shorts must be loose-fitting, and the length of shorts must be no more than the width of a dollar bill between the floor and the edge of the garment when the student is kneeling with straight back**.** Pants or shorts must be solid color. Jeans may be worn. No cargo pants or sweat pants are allowed.
- **Shirts** – Polo shirts or button-down blouses with short or long sleeves may be worn (no sleeveless or cap sleeves allowed). Solid colors, stripes, or prints are allowed. The shirt must be large enough to "blouse" out. Shirts may be left "out" or tucked in. No skin may be seen between the hem of the shirt and the top

of the skirt, even when a girl is bending over. If skin exposure is likely, wear an undershirt or tank top underneath.

- **Footwear -** Shoes, boots, sneakers, or sandals must be worn at all times. Flip-flops, clogs, or open shoes without a sole or without a heel strap are not to be worn. High-heeled shoes should not be of the spiked style and no more than 3 inches high. Socks and/or pantyhose are not required. Socks may be solids, stripes or prints.

Boys will wear:

- **Pants** – Pants and shorts may be purchased (but not required) from WCA-approved school uniform supplier. Chino/docker style pants, or denim jeans are to be worn at the waist (not below the hips.) Pants or shorts must be solid color. Pants or shorts must be khaki, gray, black, dark green, or blue. No cargo pants or sweat pants may be worn. We're looking for a neat, trim "trouser" look. Pants must fit modestly.
- **Shorts** – Shorts may be purchased from WCA-approved school uniform supplier. Shorts must be loose-fitting, and the length must be no more than the width of a dollar bill between the floor and the edge of the garment when the student is kneeling with straight back**.**
- **Shirts** – polo shirts or collared, button-down shirts may be worn. Solid color, stripes, or patterns are allowed. Shirts may be left "out" or tucked in.
- **Belt –** a belt is optional, whether the shirt is tucked in or not.
- **Footwear -** Shoes, boots, sneakers, or sandals must be worn at all times. All footwear must have, at least, a strap in the back. Flip-flops, clogs, or open shoes without a sole or without a heel strap are not to be worn. Socks are not required. Socks may be solids, stripes or prints.

D. "DRESS DOWN" DRESS CODE FOR LEARNING CENTER STUDENTS

Dress down attire is to be worn only at the direction of the teacher or school calendar. All students taking Physical Education class or after school sports practices must change into athletic shoes and socks to participate. The purpose of this requirement is safety. Dressing down is a privilege. Students violating the "dress down" dress code may lose the privilege for the remainder of the semester.

T-shirts for boys and girls may have WCA school logo, Christian themes, American military themes, store brand names, 4-H clubs, sports teams, or plain T-shirts (solid, patterns, prints). Any graphics or designs that are not modest, neat, clean, and appropriate should not be worn. If a student violates dress code, he/she will be given a demerit, given an article of clothing to borrow (for a fee), or sent home if we do not have an article of clothing that fits. They may lose the opportunity to participate in future dress down days.

Girls:

In addition to our Every Day Dress Code, girls may wear:

- **T-Shirts** – The shirt must not be tight-fitting, see-through, baggy or oversized. All T-shirts must have sleeves.
- **Shorts** - Basketball or athletic shorts may be worn. The fit and length must meet every day dress code standards. No cargo shorts.
- **Capris or Slacks** - must be loose-fitting and neat in appearance. Denim may be worn. Students may not wear pajama pants, yoga pants, leggings (without a skirt over them). Trouser-style fleece pants and jogger pants are allowed, but no baggy, elastic-ankle sweatpants. No cargo pants.
- **Dresses** with shorts under them. Dresses must have sleeves or cap sleeves.

Boys:

In addition to our Every Day Dress Code, boys may wear:

- **T-shirts -** The shirt must not be tight-fitting, see-through, baggy or oversized. All T-shirts must have sleeves.

- **Shorts** - Basketball or athletic shorts may be worn. The fit and length must meet every day dress code standards.
- **Pants** - Students may not wear pajama pants, yoga pants, leggings. Trouser-style fleece pants and jogger pants are allowed, but no baggy, elastic-ankle sweatpants.

E. "DRESS UP" DRESS CODE FOR ALL STUDENTS (AWARDS CEREMONY)

The standard requirements for modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness must be carefully observed, because students are publicly representing Windsor Christian Academy at the Awards Ceremony. A student entering campus out of dress code on Awards Ceremony night will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Students will NOT be allowed to dress down during the reception.

Girls will wear:

- **Dresses or skirts and blouses** - appropriate for church on Sunday and special occasions. No denim may be worn. No tight-fitting or see-through clothing may be worn. No skin may be seen between the hem of the blouse and the top of the skirt. No motifs, words, advertisements, pictures, or graphics on clothing. Necklines of dresses and blouses should not be revealing even when a girl is bending over. Dresses and blouses must have at least a cap sleeve. A sleeveless dress or blouse may only be worn if a sweater or blazer is worn over it for the entire evening (it is not to be taken off during the reception). The over-sweater or blazer must stay on without having to hold it in place (no shawls). Dress and skirt length must be at or below the knee while standing. No leggings, shorts, or pants may be visible beneath the dress or skirt hem.
- **Footwear -** Only dress shoes, dress boots, or dress sandals with a back strap may be worn. High-heeled shoes should not be of the spiked style and no more than 3 inches high. No athletic shoes may be worn. Nylons or socks are optional.

Boys will wear:

- **Dress pants** – We're looking for a neat, trim, solid-color "trouser" look. Pants must fit modestly—no droopy trousers, no tight trousers. No sweat pants, cargo pants, shorts, zip-aways, or carpenter pants may be worn. No denim may be worn. No tight-fitting or see-through clothing may be worn.
- **Dress shirts** - solid-color or striped, and long- or short-sleeved, collared, buttoned all the way down the front. Polo shirts may NOT be worn. Shirts must be tucked in. Ties are optional. No tank tops or undershirts may be visible. No motifs, words, advertisements, pictures, or graphics on clothing.
- **Belt** - must be worn.
- **Footwear –** Dress shoes or dress boots and dark socks must be worn. No athletic shoes may be worn.
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