

DRESS CODE

Early Childhood (Age 2 through Kindergarten)

Play clothes are the appropriate dress in preschool and kindergarten. Experimentation of the environment and art activities are an important part of learning and outdoor play will occur daily. Playful children will get messy. Clothing should be designed for self-sufficiency in the bathroom. Please send two changes of clothing to school with your child for unexpected mishaps. Shoes and jewelry with musical computer chips are not permitted. Clothing with images of cartoon, movie or TV characters or that are violent in nature are distracting to our young students and are not allowed. Please do not allow your child to wear jewelry, bring money or other items of value to school. Please see that your child is properly dressed for local weather conditions and label all clothing such as hats, coats, jackets and mittens with your child's name.

Lower, Middle, And Upper School (Grades 1-12)

The dress standards for Wichita Collegiate School are designed to balance academic professionalism and individual style. We encourage students to express their own individuality while dressing professionally and respectfully for the school environment. Student attire should represent the Core Values of our WCS community, along with respect for self, safety, good health, self-expression, accountability, and comfort. We aim to celebrate diversity and our dress standards should do the same for students, allowing for appropriate self expression while honoring the spirit of the dress standards. Please note that WCS will not permit students to wear any clothing, buttons or any other form of expression endorsing social or political organizations and /or views. Students who violate the dress standards will be subject to disciplinary action.

Academic Dress Standards:

- **Tops:** Blouses, Polo shirts, button down shirts, WCS shirts, crew or V-neck shirts in solid colors or patterns are appropriate. Shoulder straps should be at least three fingers width and no midriffs should be exposed. Sweaters, cardigans, WCS or plain sweatshirts (no large logos) are permitted. There should be no rips, tears, mesh or holes. *Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: zip-up hoodies, T-shirts or sweatshirts with slogans or graphics, crop tops, spaghetti straps, racerback tanks, screen print, words, mesh, large logos (logos must be able to be covered by the palm of one's hand).*
- **Bottoms:** Pants, khakis, chinos, non-blue denim, shorts, skirts, and dresses in appropriate lengths (no shorter than mid-thigh) are acceptable. There should be no rips, tears, mesh or holes. Neither pants, skirts, nor shorts may be athletic/leisure material and skirts and shorts must be appropriate length - no shorter than mid-thigh. *Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: Blue denim jeans or shorts, athletic/leisurewear or material (shorts, sweatpants, or joggers), dance pants, and athletic leggings.*
- **Shoes:** All shoes except these prohibited items which include, but are not limited to: sport "slide" sandals, plastic flip flops, house slippers, "Crocs".

Spartan Spirit Standards:

All items listed above, with the addition of:

- College T-shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies (Upper School only)
- Blue jeans (No rips, tears, mesh, or holes)
- Leggings (when worn with a thumb-length top) 24
- Joggers (no fleece sweatpants or sweat pant material, or dance pants)

Other Considerations:

Hats and the hood of a sweatshirt may not be worn or covering one's head during the school day.

Headphones/earbuds/etc. should not be worn or be visible in hallways, classrooms, and/or when we are gathered as a group.

Dress standards for school sponsored events require students to follow the same guidelines as the daily standards, with the following exceptions:

- Clothing appropriate for the activity/event.
- Blue denim is permitted for non-school day activities and events (when applicable).

Special Events

- Dress standards for special events will be communicated in advance.
- Special occasions or specific classes may call for an addition to the standards, and these will be communicated with students and parents in a timely manner.

Students in Violation of the Dress Standards

The school reserves the right to ask students to change their clothing or accessories if they are deemed not appropriate within the dress standards. The dress standards are designed to promote a professional and respectful environment while also allowing for individual expression and comfort. Students who come to school outside of the dress standards have two options to correct the situation:

1. Students will be asked in private to put on their own alternative clothing, if available.
2. If necessary, the student's parents/guardians will be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing. Students who are repeatedly in violation of the dress standards will be assigned additional consequences.