



WEST SENECA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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DRESS CODE SUMMARY

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MEN'S STANDARDS

General Boys' Standards

In helping students dress for specific occasions, four types of dress should guide students' dress decisions.

Special Occasion Dress – On special occasions students may be asked to be in special dress with boys wearing shirts and ties. Participants in chapels, concerts, athletic events, or special programs may be required to be dressed appropriately for the special occasion.

School Dress – All students are expected to be in school dress during school hours and in traveling to and from school by public transportation means. School dress is normally required for class trips, field trips, concerts, evening programs, and other educational activities of the school unless the school administrator's permission is obtained for unusual circumstances. School dress is also allowed in place of athletic dress but not in place of gym dress.

Athletic Dress – This type of dress is permitted at school athletic events, class parties, and special occasions where the activities require a more informal type of dress.

Gym Dress/Team Uniforms – Participants in gym classes for all grades and those in team sports will wear gym dress unless a team uniform is available.

Men's Dress, Hair, and Grooming Standards

Guys' dress must meet the following standards to be acceptable at school and school activities. It must be clean, neat, orderly, and reflect completeness. Boys' styles must be masculine, modest, and conservative.

Hair must be off the shirt collar, eyes, and ears. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural coloration are permitted. Partial or complete shaving of the head is not acceptable except for medical purposes. No designs or patterns may be cut into the hair.

Guys must be clean-shaven; beards and mustaches are not permitted.

School Dress

- Boys are to wear shirts with a collar, such as button-down dress shirts or 3-button polo shirts. Students in PreK through 2nd grade will be permitted to wear shirts without collars as long as they appear neat and dressy.
- Shirts must be buttoned with no more than one button open. In grades 6 through 12, all shirts are to be worn tucked inside the pants.
- Students in grades 3 through 12 must wear pants with a belt.
- Sweaters and school apparel may be worn with an appropriate collared shirt underneath.

- Dress shoes must be properly laced and tied, and socks must be worn. Athletic shoes are allowed for appropriate class dress. Flip-flops, Crocs, or any type of athletic sandal is not permitted in class.
- No shorts or T-shirts are allowed for outer attire except as gym dress or athletic uniforms.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings, bracelets, or necklaces. Body piercings or tattoos are not permitted.
- Students should not wear cargo pants, painters' pants, fatigues, jeans, or any style with pockets stitched outside and down the legs of the pants.
- Baggy, frayed, or torn pants or pants that have elastic at the base of the pant legs are not permitted.
- Gym shorts should reach the top of the knee.
- Hats or hoods are not to be worn in the building.
- Outdoor clothing (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, boots, etc.) other than WSCS apparel is not to be worn in the classroom or between classes.

Athletic Dress

- For sports dress, boys may wear sports or leisure pants with a collared shirt or collared pullover.
- Boys may wear jeans that are not torn, faded, or frayed.
- T-shirts with slogans that don't reflect the school's standards may not be worn.
- Shorts are not to be worn for any occasions other than for participation in gym and sports activities. Gym/sports shorts should reach the top of the knee.
- Sneakers or athletic shoes and athletic socks should be worn.
- It is wise to mark gym uniforms and other gym items with the student's name.

Decisions

The final decision as to what constitutes proper dress and grooming rests with the administration. Typically, a designated man from the faculty will respond to questions that arise.

Please remember that students attending an activity must be in school dress. Sports events, concerts, or any other after-school activity is considered a school function and school standards need to be followed.

LADIES' STANDARDS

General Girls' Standards

Girls' dress must meet the following standards to be acceptable for school dress and school activities. It must be clean, neat, orderly, and reflect completeness. Styles should be chosen that are feminine and modest.

Styles should complement the individual's age and body type.

- No neckline should exceed three fingers below the collarbone.

- No tight-fitting clothing should be worn. Skirts, uniform pants, blouses, or sweaters that wrap snugly around the body are never appropriate for school events. Leggings may be worn for warmth under a skirt; however, the skirt must still reach the knee.
- Ears may be pierced, but the number of piercings should be limited to keep a professional appearance. No types of "tunnel earrings" are to be worn. Other facial or body piercings are not permitted. Likewise, tattoos are not permitted.
- Any symbolism that is contradictory to Scriptural principles should not be worn. Examples include but are not limited to the following list because of the connotations: fishnet stockings, peace symbols, skulls and crossbones, and a Yin-Yang.

Hair Guidelines

Hairstyles should be natural and feminine. Styles that draw undue attention or reflect a disorderly appearance are not acceptable. Girls' hair color should be a natural color. Girls are asked not to make drastic changes to their hair color during the school year.

Class Dress

- Skirts/dresses must come to the knee.
- Slits must also come to the knees or be adequately pinned or sewn shut.
- Uniform pants, purchased through Land's End, may be worn on non-chapel days. Girls in grades 6 through 12 may also wear palazzo pants on non-chapel days.
- Permitted pants must be loose fitting at all times.
- Permitted pants may be worn for athletic dress.
- Students may lose the privilege of being able to wear acceptable pants if they abuse the privilege.
- It is recommended that students purchase a size up from their normal attire.
- Blouses or shirts should be long enough to cover the back and midriff when stretching, sitting, or bending over.
- T-shirts are not acceptable for class dress.
- To help maintain a professional atmosphere, shirts with company names, slogans, mottos, graphics, or other sayings should be avoided. However, fabric designs that promote professionalism are acceptable.
- Sleeveless shirts and dresses must come to the end of the shoulder. Tops must still fit tightly under the arm.
- Outdoor apparel is not to be worn in the classroom. Outdoor clothing (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, boots, etc.) other than WSCS apparel is not to be worn in the classroom or between classes. Students should keep a sweater at school in cold weather.
- Flip-flops, Crocs, or any type of athletic sandal is not permitted in class.
- Heels should not be excessively high for safety reasons.
- Leggings are acceptable when worn under a skirt or dress as long as the skirt or dress reaches to the top of the knee.
- All girls in grades 6 through 12 need to wear appropriate undergarments for the outfit.
- Girls may not arrive at school or leave school in their pajamas.

Athletic Dress

- Uniform pants may be worn for athletic dress.

- Athletic pants are acceptable for sporting events. Girls are asked not to wear lounge or sweatpants.
- T-shirts are acceptable but should meet the following criteria: the neckline must not be lower than three fingers below the collarbone, the fit must be loose, and the words or pictures must be appropriate for a school event.
- Because many companies' philosophies and positions are worldly, students are asked not to wear shirts with company/store names, slogans, mottos, or other sayings that are contrary to WSCS policies.
- Shorts, low-rise slacks, and other types of pants including jeans and leggings worn as pants are not permitted.

Athletic Participant Dress/Gym Class Attire

- Gym shorts should reach the top of the knee.
- The school issued uniform should be worn.

Special Occasion Dress

- All general guidelines apply to concert/drama participation.
- Students must follow the director's instruction and arrive appropriately dressed.
- Shoe requirements for special events are the same as above unless specifically told otherwise by the administration or director of the event.
- Students need to leave the event in school dress.
- Permitted pants should not be worn to special occasions like concerts, drama, or awards programs.

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