

Dress and Appearance Code

Philosophy

Appearance expresses attitude and personality, and it also influences behavior. WCS's Dress and Appearance Code expresses seriousness and a positive attitude that suggests a readiness for learning. Clothing that is excessively faded, torn, or otherwise worn out is not consistent with this philosophy and therefore should not be worn to school, even if it is otherwise in accordance with the WCS Dress Code.

The purpose of the Dress and Appearance Code is to teach and model lasting principles of appropriate dress and behavior, not simply to address fashions and fads. Recognizing the variety in classroom settings and individual students, these guidelines offer methods for dressing modestly and appropriately under all circumstances.

Lower School Dress Code

Uniforms are mandatory for Lower School students in grades K3 through 4th at Westbury Christian School. Please read this information carefully and contact the Lower School office for any additional information you may need. Students not in compliance with the dress code standards set forth below may be asked to conform before entering the classroom.

NOTE: Parents should strictly abide with WCS dress code policy to avoid buying clothing that cannot be worn to school. If parents wish to confirm that items of clothing purchased meet WCS dress code standard, they may be brought to school for approval by the Admissions/Development Office before the tags are removed, so that any non-conforming clothes can be returned to the store before they are worn.

Lower School Dress Code for Grades K3 - 4th Grade

Below you will find information about where uniform attire may be obtained.

- Navy pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and culottes may be purchased from Parker Uniforms or elsewhere if they are the same style and color as those purchased at Parker Uniforms.
- All Glen Plaid items for girls must be purchased from Parker Uniforms.
- All shirts and sweaters for boys and girls must be purchased from Parker.
- WCS sweatshirts and jackets (size 6 and up) may be ordered through the admissions office.
- WCS Spirit T-shirts may be purchased through the athletic department.

K3 – 1st Grade Boys and Girls – It is *recommended* that this age group purchase pants and shorts with an elastic waist (no belt loops) for easier restroom breaks.

2nd – 4th Grade Boys and Girls – Shorts or slacks must have belt loops and be worn with a belt.

Culottes, jumpers, skirts and shorts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee and should not extend below the bottom of the knee. Uniform items that are old and faded should be replaced by new ones.

BOY'S UNIFORM

Official Uniform – Worn on WEDNESDAY and Special Events

- Pleated front navy blue slacks.
- Monogrammed soft yellow oxford shirt – long or short sleeved.

Mix and Match Options – Worn on MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- Pleated front navy blue slacks or shorts.
- Monogrammed soft yellow polo style shirt - long or short sleeved.
- Monogrammed soft yellow oxford shirt – long or short sleeved.
- Monogrammed navy sweater.

GIRL'S UNIFORM

K3 – 2nd Grade: Official Uniform Worn on WEDNESDAY and Special Events

- Navy/white Glen Plaid Jumper.
(The old grey/navy plaid jumper and skirts are no longer options.)
- Monogrammed Peter Pan White Blouse with navy piping.

3rd and 4th Grade: Official Uniform Options – Worn on WEDNESDAY and Special Events

- Navy/white Glen Plaid Jumper
- Navy/white Glen Plaid Box Pleat Skirt or Culottes
- Monogrammed Peter Pan White Blouse with navy piping

Girls Mix and Match Options – Worn on MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- Pleated front navy blue slacks or shorts.
- Glen Plaid or navy blue Culottes.
- Glen Plaid or navy blue Skort.
- Glen Plaid Box Pleat Skirt.
- Monogrammed soft yellow polo style shirt - long or short sleeved.
- Monogrammed soft yellow oxford shirt - long or short sleeved.
- Monogrammed soft yellow midy blouse with navy blue tie (tie required with this blouse).
- Monogrammed navy sweater.
- *Required to wear any shorts under all skirts and jumpers. Parker provides Navy Modesty Shorts.*

Parker School Uniforms. 3817 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77025 713 661-6110 or
www.parkersu.com (WCS code HO071174).

SPIRIT DAY – Worn on FRIDAY and Special Events (Grades K3-6th Grade)

- Any WCS T-shirt.
- Blue Jeans pants or skirts. NO decorations or designs allowed. Unacceptable blue jeans include oversized, bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy styles, overalls, or carpenter style jeans. Skirts must meet all of the length and style requirements for uniform skirts.
- No blue jean shorts.
- No Capri jeans.

OUTER WEAR

- Students may wear any jacket or sweater to school.
- ONLY official WCS sweater and sweatshirt may be worn on campus.

For both Boys and Girls Official Uniforms and Options

- A black, brown or navy blue belt must be worn with shorts or slacks having belt loops.
- Rubber soled athletic shoes in navy blue, black, white or gray. Shoes may be leather or canvas. No boots or sandals.
- Hairstyles must be neat and trimmed. EXTREME HAIRSTYLES ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- Boys may not wear earrings on campus or to school related events.

Lower School “Dress Pass Days” Dress Code

Dress passes may only be used on Thursday.

Only items shown below will be allowed when using a dress pass:

- Any WCS T-shirt.
- Blue Jeans pants or skirts. NO decorations or designs allowed. Unacceptable blue jeans include oversized, bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy styles, overalls, or carpenter style jeans. Skirts must meet all of the length and style requirements for uniform skirts.
- No blue jean shorts.
- No Capri jeans.

Lower School Dress Code for Grades 5 & 6

The 5th and 6th grades in the Lower School follow the dress code of the Upper School, which is set out below.

Upper School Dress Code

Parents should strictly abide with this policy to avoid buying clothing that cannot be worn to school. If parents wish to confirm that skirts, shorts, and pants/slacks are of the proper color, they may be brought to school for approval by the Admissions/Development Office before the tags are removed, so that any non-conforming clothes can be returned to the store before they are worn for the first time.

Students found out of dress code to a degree that WCS, in its sole discretion, deems inappropriate may be retained in the office until appropriate clothing arrives at school or the student may be required to change into school supplied temporary clothing. Any classes missed will count as unexcused absences, and all consequences pertaining to unexcused absences will apply.

The following clothing is the **ONLY** clothing approved for all WCS upper school students **during school hours**:

SHIRTS: **The only shirts acceptable for the 2006-2007 school year are the Navy Polo shirt and the light blue Oxford shirt. All other previous uniform shirts are no longer acceptable to wear.** Shirts that are old and faded should be replaced by new ones. All shirts worn during the school day are uniform shirts, monogrammed with a WCS logo and purchased at the school. Students may wear white undershirts, including long-sleeved undershirts, beneath schools shirts as long as the undershirt does not have any writing on it that is visible. All buttons are to be buttoned, except the top button, including the buttons for button down collars on oxford shirts. Short sleeves on short-sleeved shirts may not be rolled up. Shirts are to be tucked in (not folded under).

SWEATSHIRTS: Sweatshirts are monogrammed with a WCS logo and are purchased at the school. Sweatshirts may not be tied around the waist or otherwise worn except as a sweatshirt during the school day.

JACKETS: Jackets and windbreakers are monogrammed with a WCS logo and are purchased at the school. Uniform shirts must be worn under all jackets during the school day. Jackets may not be tied around the waist or otherwise worn except as a jacket during the school day.

PANTS/SLACKS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, AND SKORTS: Students will be required to wear “uniform” pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts according to the following specifications. WCS recommends that all pants & shorts for both boys and girls be purchased at Parker or Mills. Items may be purchased elsewhere if they are the same style and color as those purchased at the uniform stores. Students may wear pleated slacks, flat-front slacks, walking shorts, skirts and skorts. *Samples are available in the Admissions Office.*

- All pants, shorts, skirts and skorts **MUST** be tan khaki dress slack type material, not stonewashed, brown, green or gray khaki. Corduroy and jean type fabric and style are not permitted.
- No pockets should be attached to the outside of pants, shorts, skirts or skorts.
- Pants and shorts must not be tight-fitting.
- All pants and shorts **MUST** have belt loops and be worn with a **BROWN, BLACK OR NAVY BLUE** belt. Belts must be visible when shirts are tucked in.
- All skirts, shorts and skorts **MUST** be no shorter than 2” above the knee. The 2” above the knee measurement must be maintained throughout the school year to remain in compliance with dress code: if a student grows so that the skirts, shorts or skorts no longer come to within 2” of the knee, they may no longer be worn to school.
- Shorts should not extend below the bottom of the knee.
- Styles not allowed are Western style, Capri’s or Stretch Jeans.
- Pant hems are not to be cut or frayed.

SHOES/SOCKS: Shoes and socks/stockings must be worn at all times. Sandals, flip-flops, open toed or sided footwear are **NOT** allowed.

SPIRIT DAY – Worn on FRIDAY and Special Events (Grades 7-12)

- WCS Spirit T-shirts purchased from the Athletic Association or Band Boosters (for band students) for the 2006-2007 school year.
- Blue Jeans pants or skirts. NO decorations or designs allowed. Unacceptable blue jeans include oversized, bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy styles, overalls, or carpenter style jeans. Skirts must meet all of the length and style requirements for uniform skirts.
- No blue jean shorts.
- No Capri jeans.

OUTER WEAR: Non-WCS coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and any other outerwear worn to school must be stored in the student's locker before school starts and must remain there until the school day is over. Jackets and sweatshirts can not be tied around the waist. School uniforms must be worn under jackets. Towels, scarves, and other decorative clothing items may not be worn around the neck during the school day.

Upper School “Dress Pass Days” Dress Code

Dress passes may only be used on Thursday.

Only items shown below will be allowed when using a dress pass:

- Any WCS T-shirt.
- Blue Jeans pants or skirts. NO decorations or designs allowed. Unacceptable blue jeans include oversized, bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy styles, overalls, or carpenter style jeans. Skirts must meet all of the length and style requirements for uniform skirts.
- No blue jean shorts.
- No Capri jeans.

ADDITIONAL GIRLS' DRESS GUIDELINES

The following rules apply whenever a student is at school, even after school hours and/or when students have dress passes or other permission to wear clothing other than normal dress code during the school day.

- Clothing should always be clean, neat, modest, and properly sized.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and out of sight at all times (i.e., clothes should not be worn tight enough to see undergarment lines).
- Leggings are not to be worn under skirts, shorts or shorts.
- Clothing must be worn in its intended style, for example: shirts/blouses must be tucked in, shoes must be tied, belts must be worn in belt loops, belts must be visible, etc.
- No frayed or see-through clothing is permitted.
- Do-rags and any other head-coverings are not to be worn.
- Hair coloring and styling, fingernail polish, cosmetics, earrings, and similar personal choices must reflect a conservative, traditional style and be acceptable to the Assistant Upper School Principal. WCS retains the right to prohibit any hair coloring or styling, fingernail polish, cosmetics, earrings, and other personal appearance choices that it deems desirable to prohibit for the benefit of the educational process, which WCS shall determine in its sole discretion.
- Only two earrings per ear, in the ear lobe, are allowed, and no other body piercing is permitted. Covering an unacceptable body piercing with tape or other efforts to conceal it do not make such a piercing acceptable, and students will be required to remove any item that is so concealed.
- No visible tattoos are allowed, and attempting to conceal an otherwise visible tattoo with tape or other obvious methods of concealment is not acceptable.

ADDITIONAL BOYS' DRESS GUIDELINES

The following rules apply whenever a student is at school, even after school hours and/or when students have dress passes or other permission to wear clothing other than normal dress code during the school day.

- Clothing should always be clean, neat, modest, and properly sized.
- Pants must be belted at the waist, not below the waist or on the hips. No pants may be cutoffs, oversized, or of bell-bottom style, baggy/saggy style, overalls or carpenter styles.
- Clothing must be worn in its intended style, for example: shirts must be tucked in, shoes must be tied, belts must be worn in belt loops, belts must be visible, etc.
- No frayed or see-through clothing is permitted.
- Do-rags and any other head-coverings are not to be worn.
- Clean-shaven faces are required. Hair coloring and styling and similar personal choices must reflect a conservative, traditional style and be acceptable to the Assistant Upper School Principal. Boys may not wear earrings or any other body piercing on campus or at school related activities, whether on or off campus. Covering an unacceptable body piercing with tape or other efforts to conceal it do not make such a piercing acceptable, and students will be required to remove any item that is so concealed.
- No visible tattoos are allowed, and attempting to conceal an otherwise visible tattoo with tape or other obvious methods of concealment is not acceptable.
- WCS retains the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit any hair coloring or styling or other personal appearance choices that it deems distracting to the educational process.

Store locations.

Parker School Uniforms

3817 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston, TX 77025
713-661-6110
Web ID code HO071174
www.parkersu.com

The Mills store addresses: Website: www.millswear.com

Mills (NE Corner of Richmond & Kirby)

3471 Kirby Drive
Houston, TX 77098
713-524-4700

9331 Katy Freeway, 9331-B
Houston, TX 77024
713-464-3400

Mills (open only during summer months)

2575 Eldridge Road
Sugar Land, TX 77478
281-242-1366

Academic Outfitters

(located in front of Home Depot)
610 West Loop and the Southwest Freeway
713-660-0206
Website: www.academicoutfitters.com