

WCS Dress and Appearance Code

The WCS Dress and Appearance Code is designed to create a serious, yet positive, on-campus atmosphere that suggests a readiness for and promotes behavior appropriate to 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. The purpose of the WCS Dress and Appearance Code is to teach and model lasting principles of appropriate dress and behavior, not simply to address fashions and fads. These guidelines offer methods for dressing modestly and appropriately under all circumstances, taking into consideration the variety in classroom settings and diversity of individual students.

Shopping for WCS Uniforms and Spirit Wear

The Wildcat Store, located adjacent to the Lower School Library, is your best resource for any questions or guidance regarding how to dress as a WCS Wildcat. The Wildcat Store sells uniform tops; Glen Plaid jumpers, skirts and Peter Pan blouses; and WCS Spirit Wear for all students, parents, teachers, coaches and staff. Due to limited space, the Wildcat Store does not sell uniform bottoms.

All uniform items not purchased from the Wildcat Store – including tops, bottoms and optional pieces – must be purchased from Lands' End, the sole approved uniform vendor:

Lands' End School Uniforms

www.LandsEnd.com/school

Preferred School Number: 900150996

800-469-2222 (Customer Service)



WCS Crest

The WCS Crest appears on clothing items designated as part of the required or optional uniform.



WCS Wildcat

The WCS Wildcat appears on clothing items designated as spirit wear.

Daily Dress Code – Lower School – K3-4th Grade

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (Formal Uniform)	Thursday	Friday Spirit Day (Optional)
Boys	Gold Lands’ End Polo (WCS Crest)	Gold Lands’ End Polo (WCS Crest)	Gold Lands’ End Oxford (WCS Crest)	Gold Lands’ End Polo (WCS Crest)	WCS Spirit Shirt (WCS Wildcat)
	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Plain Denim Blue Jeans or Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)
	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt
	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots
Girls	Gold Lands’ End Polo (WCS Crest)	Gold Lands’ End Polo (WCS Crest)	White Lands’ End “Peter Pan” Blouse (WCS Crest)	Gold Lands’ End Polo (WCS Crest)	WCS Spirit Shirt (WCS Wildcat)
	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Lands’ End Glen Plaid Jumper/Skirt	Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)	Plain Denim Blue Jeans or Navy Lands’ End Bottoms (WCS)
	Belt	Belt		Belt	Belt
	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots

**Students who choose not to participate in optional Friday Spirit Day must comply with normal uniform requirements*

Acceptable Navy Lands’ End Bottoms for Lower School

Boys: Chino Pants or Shorts

Girls: Chino Pants, Shorts or Skort; A-line/Pleated Skirt or Kilt (Below the Knee); Box Pleat Skirt (Top of the Knee)

**Dark, solid leggings or modesty pants may be worn under Glen Plaid Jumper/Skirt on Wednesdays*

NOTE: Elastic-waist bottoms are acceptable, and recommended, for K3 through 1st grade.

Optional Lower School Uniform Clothing (for Boys and Girls)

Navy Blazer (WCS Crest)

Navy Sweater Vest (WCS Crest)

WCS Uniform Jacket, Sweatshirt or Sweater (WCS Crest)

Gold, Navy or White Short-sleeved Undershirt

White Long-sleeved Undershirt

Daily Dress Code – Upper School – Grades 5-12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (Formal Uniform)	Thursday	Friday Spirit Day (Optional)
Young Men	Lands' End Polo Shirt (WCS Crest)	Lands' End Polo Shirt (WCS Crest)	Blue Lands' End Oxford (WCS Crest)	Lands' End Polo Shirt (WCS Crest)	WCS Spirit Shirt (WCS Wildcat)
	Khaki Lands' End Bottoms (WCS)	Khaki Lands' End Bottoms (WCS)	Khaki Land's End Chino Pants (WCS)	Khaki Lands' End Bottoms (WCS)	Plain Denim Blue Jeans or Khaki Lands' End Bottoms (WCS)
	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt
	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots
Young Ladies	Lands' End Polo Shirt (WCS Crest)	Lands' End Polo Shirt (WCS Crest)	Blue Lands' End Oxford (WCS Crest)	Lands' End Polo Shirt (WCS Crest)	WCS Spirit Shirt (WCS Wildcat)
	Khaki Lands' End Bottoms OR Glen Plaid Skirt (WCS)	Khaki Lands' End Bottoms OR Glen Plaid Skirt (WCS)	Khaki Lands' End Pants, Skirt or Skort OR Glen Plaid Skirt (WCS)	Khaki Lands' End Bottoms OR Glen Plaid Skirt (WCS)	Plain Denim Blue Jeans or Khaki Lands' End Bottoms (WCS)
	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt
	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots	Closed-toe Shoes/Boots

**Students who choose not to participate in optional Friday Spirit Day must comply with normal uniform requirements*

Acceptable Lands' End Polo Shirt Colors for Upper School

Young Men and Young Ladies: Gold, Navy or White

Acceptable Lands' End Bottoms for Upper School

Young Men: Khaki Chino Pants or Shorts

Young Ladies: Khaki Chino Pants or Shorts; Khaki A-line/Pleated Skirt or Kilt (Below the Knee); Khaki Chino Skort or Glen Plaid Box Pleat Skirt (Top of the Knee) **Dark, solid modesty shorts are highly recommended under skirts*

Optional Upper School Uniform Clothing (for Young Men and Young Ladies)

Navy Blazer (WCS Crest)

Navy Sweater Vest (WCS Crest)

WCS Uniform Jacket, Sweatshirt or Sweater (WCS Crest)

Gold, Navy or White Short-sleeved Undershirt

White Long-sleeved Undershirt

General WCS Dress Code Guidelines for Students in All Grades

Lands' End Uniform Bottoms

1. Pants are worn from the natural waist to the ankle.
2. Lands' End pleat-front or plain-front chino pants and shorts are the styles that meet WCS Dress Code.
3. Crop pants, skimmers, capris, leggings, or yoga pants do not meet WCS Dress Code.
4. Dark, solid leggings may be worn under skirts or skorts.
5. Skin-tight bottoms, skin-tight skinny jeans, carpenter and cargo pants or shorts do not meet WCS Dress Code.
6. Bottoms that are baggy, saggy, bell-bottomed or oversized do not meet WCS Dress Code.
7. Skirts, skorts and shorts should be worn at, slightly below or slightly above the knee. Skirts, skorts and shorts worn more than two inches above or two inches below the knee do not meet WCS Dress Code.
NOTE: The option to wear skirts or shorts is a privilege, not a right, so chronic non-compliance with rules concerning the appropriate length for skirts and/or shorts could result in the loss of this privilege.
8. Dark, solid modesty shorts underneath skirts are highly recommended for female students in all grades.
9. If the bottoms have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
10. Belts must be solid black, brown, or navy, or the Lands' End Classic Navy Plaid.
11. Denim jeans with tears, rips, frayed edges, embellishments and bling are not considered "plain" and do not meet WCS Dress Code.
12. Outside or sewn-on pockets do not meet WCS dress code.

Lands' End Uniform Tops

1. Tops that are faded, stained, discolored, torn or significantly worn-out do not meet WCS Dress Code.
2. Non-Lands' End tops embroidered or screened with an outdated WCS Crest or Wildcat do not meet WCS Dress Code.
3. Solid gold, navy or white short-sleeved shirts are acceptable underneath the uniform.
4. Solid white long-sleeved shirts are also acceptable underneath the uniform.
5. All shirt buttons, except for the very top button, and including collar buttons are to be buttoned.
6. Shirt sleeves may not be rolled up.
7. All shirts are worn tucked in and belted; rolling under the bottom does not meet WCS Dress Code.

Outerwear

1. School uniforms must be worn and be visible under jackets. Students may be asked to remove outerwear during daily Dress Code checks.
2. Jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts without the WCS Crest do not meet WCS Dress Code. The only exceptions are the WCS letter jacket and sport-specific jackets/warm-ups that feature the WCS Wildcat logo and have been approved through the Athletic Director's Office.
3. Jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts tied around the waist do not meet WCS Dress Code.
4. Hooded sweaters, jackets or sweatshirts do not meet WCS Dress Code.
5. Outerwear (jackets, sweaters, etc.) that does not meet WCS Dress Code may be worn to/from school and during recess, for Lower School students. Outerwear that does not meet WCS Dress Code must remain in the designated location in the classroom, for Lower School students, or be stored in the student's locker, for Middle and Upper School students, during school hours.
6. Head coverings – except for those exempted for religious reasons – are not to be worn.

Footwear

1. Footwear is required at all times. Bare feet do not meet WCS Dress Code.
2. Socks are worn whenever it is appropriate to do so.
3. Slippers, sandals, flip-flops, open-toed and/or open-sided shoes present a safety hazard and do not meet WCS Dress Code.
4. Exceptions for footwear standards are extended for special occasions, such as award ceremonies, lock-ins, or practices/post-game activities. The WCS sponsor may decide to prohibit at any time any footwear that he/she deems inappropriate.

Accessories and Other Personal Appearance Matters

The following rules apply to all students while on campus during and after school and at school-sponsored off-campus events, including athletic contests. In other words, these rules apply whenever a student is acting as a representative of the school.

For All Students:

1. Appropriate undergarments must be worn out of sight at all times, and clothes should not be so tight that undergarment lines are visible.
2. Covering an unpermitted body piercing piece with tape or trying to conceal it by other means will not make the piercing piece acceptable. Students will be required to remove any item that is so concealed.
3. No visible tattoos are permitted. Any tattoos should be concealed with tops, bottoms and/or outerwear that meet the WCS Dress Code.
4. WCS retains the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit at any time any personal appearance choices that it deems distracting or an impediment to the educational process.

For Girls and Young Ladies:

1. One or two earrings per ear are the only body piercings allowed; earrings can extend up to two inches in length.
2. Hair coloring, hair styling, nail polish, cosmetics, earrings and other personal appearance choices must reflect a conservative and traditional style. These choices must be acceptable to the relevant principal (Lower School) or assistant principal (Upper School).

For Boys and Young Men:

1. Body piercings of any kind, including earrings, are not permitted.
2. Clean-shaven faces are required.
3. Hair coloring and styling and similar personal choices must reflect a conservative, traditional style, which includes at a minimum that the hair length be above the eyebrow, above the earlobe, and above the neckline. All haircuts must be acceptable to the relevant principal (Lower School) or assistant principal (Upper School).

Dress Passes – All Grades

A PTO Dress Pass allows students to dress as they would for a Friday Spirit Day only on a specified Thursday. Students must have and keep the PTO Dress Pass in their possession during the PTO Dress Pass day to exercise this privilege.

Final Exam Dress Passes – All Grades

Final Exam Dress Passes, which are made available for sale in the Upper School Office at the end of each semester, allow students to wear modest apparel consistent with WCS's conservative approach to dress each day during Final Exam week. Short shorts and spaghetti strap or other tops that make bra straps visible are not considered "modest apparel." Students must have and keep the Final Exam Dress pass in their possession during each day of Final Exam week to exercise this privilege.

Dress Code Enforcement

In the middle and upper schools, daily dress code checks – when students will be expected to exhibit compliance with all applicable rules, including the wearing of a belt and a uniform shirt under outerwear – will be conducted during home room announcements at the end of first period. All middle and upper school teachers will be required to submit the results of the daily dress code check to the Upper School Assistant Principal, who will assign the relevant type of detention, as outlined in the Conduct Code Infractions and Disciplinary Procedures, and determine

any appropriate corrective action, as needed. Please note that beginning with the fourth dress code violation, each detention will include a \$10 fine added to the student's account (See the Student Handbook for details on the Upper School Detention and Fine Policy).

Student Ambassador Uniform

Students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to participate in the Student Ambassador program. Students selected through a process of teacher recommendation, student application and Admissions Department approval will assist prospective students during campus visits, act as student representatives during special events and fill other leader roles as needed throughout the school year.

To distinguish these specially selected young men and young ladies, Student Ambassadors are eligible to wear a special uniform when fulfilling their duties:

Navy Blazer or Navy Sweater Vest (WCS Crest)

White Lands' End Oxford Shirt with Lands' End Striped Necktie

Young Men: Khaki Lands' End Chino Pants for boys

Young Ladies: Glen Plaid Skirt (preferred) or Khaki Skirt (if size not available in Glen Plaid)

Closed-toe Shoes (no boots) and Belt