



# West Ridge Academy

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## Dress Code

Academics are the primary focus at West Ridge Academy. One part of maintaining an orderly school climate that is focused on learning is to have a clear dress code for students that emphasize non-distracting attire. It is expected that students of WRA maintain their person and clothing in an orderly, modest, and clean manner consistent with the school dress code. Students must be in the approved uniform daily, except for our scheduled Jean Days. **If there are any questions regarding dress code items, please check with administration before purchasing or wearing the clothing item.**

*CHANGES MADE TO THE DRESS CODE ARE BOXED, BOLDED, AND ITALICIZED.*

### General Appearance

- All clothes must be clean, plain, neat, and free of holes, rips or tears.
- Hair should be well groomed, of natural color, and not cut in a style that obstructs vision or distracts from the learning environment.
- Students must have their shirts neatly tucked in at all times. The only exception to this rule is during gym class.
- Students are not permitted to wear excessively baggy or excessively tight uniform tops or bottoms.
- Students are to be in dress code clothing at all times, except for scheduled Jean Days.

### Bottoms-

#### Pants, Shorts, & Capris

- *Colors: pants, capris, and shorts – solid colors*
- *Styles: Slacks, trousers, corduroy, and twill pants. NO colored jeans or jeggings. Blue jeans may only be worn on \$1 Jean Days.*
- Length: Shorts- the bottom hem must fall between the kneecap and **3 inches** above the top of the kneecap in front and back when standing straight.
- Pockets: Pants and shorts must not have more than 6 pockets.
- Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students may wear pants with full elastic bands.
- **NO DENIM BLUE JEANS** may be worn unless specified.
- *Jeggings and leggings are not allowed to be worn on their own; they may only be worn under dresses and skirts.*
- Pants must be fitted at the waist and be no more than one size too large or one size too small.
- Pants must be hemmed at least one inch off the ground.

#### Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers, & Dresses

- *Colors: dresses and jumpers – solid colors only*
- Length: The bottom hem must fall between the ankle and **3 inches** above the top of the kneecap in front and back when standing straight.
- *Leggings and tights may be worn under skirts, jumpers, and dresses and must be solid colors. Leggings and tights cannot be worn by themselves.*
- If girls are not wearing leggings or tights, some type of shorts should be worn under skirts, jumpers, and dresses.

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## Tops-

### Shirts & Blouses

- Colors: Solid colors
- Types: Polo, turtleneck, mock turtleneck, button up with collar
- Sleeveless tops are not allowed.
- Logos must be smaller than the size of a quarter- Nike, Under Armour, etc.
- Tops should not reveal shoulders, straps, undergarments, or midsection in front or back.
- Shirts worn under a collared shirt need to be plain (no designs or graphics) and solid color.
- Tops must be long enough to be tucked in at all times. The only exception to this rule is during gym class.

### Sweaters & Sweatshirts

- Colors: Solid colors
- Style: Sweater vests, crew neck sweatshirts, or cardigans.
- ***NO hoodies, fleece, or other type of jacket may be worn in the classroom.***
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, and sweater vests must be worn over a dress code compliant shirt.
- No clothing may be tied around the waist.

### Coats & Outerwear

- Coats and jackets are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Coats and outerwear may not be disruptive, distracting, display offensive language/symbols, etc.
- Gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and ear warmers may only be worn outside.

### Shoes & Socks

- Styles: Tennis shoes, boots, and plain flat shoes
- All shoes need to be appropriate for daily activity and not be distracting.
- All shoes must have a closed toe, heel, and sides.
- Heels must be less than 1 inch.
- No sandals, flip-flops, clogs, platforms, or crocs
- ***Socks must be solid colored and may have a small discrete logo.***
- Tennis shoes must be worn in gym class.

### Jewelry & Accessories

- Jewelry and accessories must be modest and in good taste.
- Piercing only allowed in ears.
- Headbands, barrettes, and hair clips must not be distracting.
- Belts must be modest and in good taste, with no decorations such as spikes, chains, etc.
- Hats and other head coverings must be taken off when inside the building.

### Jean Days

- The last day of the week, generally Fridays, are WRA's fundraising Jean Days. If we do not have school on Friday then Thursday becomes the \$1 Jean Day. Students must pay \$1 to wear jeans on these days. They can either pay every time they wear jeans or they may pay for the whole year up front.
- Jeans must not be baggie or hip-huggers or have any tears, rips or holes in them.
- Students must wear an approved dress code shirt or a Warrior T-shirt with their jeans.

### Field Trip Uniform

- For the safety of our students, a field trip uniform is required.
- Students may not go on any field trip without wearing the required uniform. Please purchase required items in advance.
- Field Trip Uniform: khaki on the bottom with a navy blue polo shirt.

### Miscellaneous

- *Fabrics not allowed: fleece, nylon, velvet, satin, metallic, polyurethane, leather, lycra, or sparkle fabrics.*
- Temporary tattoos and drawings on the skin are not allowed.
- On Specified Free Dress Days (holidays, etc.) clothing shall be modest with no sleeveless tops, tops that expose the midriff or back, short shorts, low-rise pants, or may not be disruptive, distracting, display offensive language/symbols, etc.
- Please label all clothing items so they may be returned if lost.

### Dress Code Violations

1<sup>st</sup> Offense – A written warning notice will be sent home to be signed by the parent or guardian.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Parent or guardian will be contacted to bring the student approved dress code items which the student will then change into.

3<sup>rd</sup> + Offense – Repeated violations of the dress code will result in a meeting with the parents or guardian and the principal to determine disciplinary action. Expulsion is a valid form of discipline for chronic dress code violations.

- **Any question concerning a student's dress and appearance shall be addressed by the school's administration. The principal of WRA will make the final decision as to what is considered proper attire and appearance.**
- In the event that health and medical considerations for a particular student require an exception to the Dress Code, a note from the doctor will be needed. The principal of WRA shall determine the exception and make his/her faculty and staff aware of the exception.
- In the event that a student's religious beliefs conflict with the ability to follow the dress code, a conference with the student, parents, and principal will be scheduled to determine the best way to honor the Dress Code and the individual's religion.