



# **WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### **DRESS GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ATTIRE**

The WVCS Dress Guidelines are established to teach grooming and hygiene, prepare students for success, prevent disruption in the instructional setting, and maintain a safe environment for all students. These dress guidelines apply to all school functions including off campus events. We ask that parents take an active role in ensuring that their student wears proper attire for school. The guidelines below may not be all-inclusive and are subject to administrative discretion. Our intent is to teach godly standards of modesty, not a legalistic set of rules.

WVCS sets the following general expectations for grooming and dress:

- Students should come to school bathed and wearing clothes that are clean and in good condition.
- Students' hair should be clean, neat, well groomed, must not cover the eyes, and must be natural looking in color.
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn and not visible.
- Clothing should be appropriately sized and of appropriate length. No article of clothing should be extremely tight.
- Sleep wear (pajamas) is not allowed except for campus designated days but must comply with the dress guidelines.
- Students must wear shoes appropriate for school. No house slippers or slides. Appropriate athletic shoes must be worn while in the new gym.
- Clothing and accessories may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or conceals contraband.
- Apparel and accessories with inappropriate writing, drawings, or advertisements, to include but not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence, occult, death, suicide, gang activities, sexual innuendos, individuals, groups, cultural divisiveness, and racial intolerance may not be worn.

#### **Bottoms: Slacks, Jeans, Pants, Shorts, Sweatpants, and Athletic pants/shorts:**

- Pants and shorts shall be appropriately sized, fit securely at the waist, and shall not expose skin more than mid-thigh while sitting or standing.
- Shorts must be hemmed; no cutoffs. Spandex, yoga, running, and biking shorts as well as swimwear are not acceptable.
- Leggings are not allowed except when worn with a top that is no shorter than mid-thigh while standing or sitting.
- Distressed jeans are allowed but shall not expose undergarments or skin higher than mid-thigh while sitting or standing.

**Shirts and Blouses:**

- No cleavage is to be visible when standing or bending.
- Shirts and blouses must cover adequately at all times (no midriff showing.)
- Sleeveless shirts must be a minimum of 2-3 inches wide at the shoulder.
- Sheer tops must have an appropriate, approved shirt underneath that follows the dress guidelines.

**Dresses or Skirts:**

- Must be appropriately sized, and must be worn no shorter than 3" above the knee including slits.

**Hair:**

- Facial hair must be neat, clean, and well-groomed/trimmed, and worn in a style that is not distracting.
- Head coverings such as stocking hats, or hoods with the exception of baseball hats are not allowed while inside buildings. No hats during chapel.

**Accessories/Miscellaneous:**

- No visible body piercings with the exception of earrings for girls.
- No visible tattoos real or imitation. Markings on the skin with sharpies or similar markers is not appropriate for school.
- Sunglasses or sunshades are not to be worn in buildings.
- Any accessory that could cause injury will be prohibited.

**Formal Events Dress Guidelines****Boys**

- Slacks and dress shirts

**Girls**

- Nice dresses (see specific guidelines below)
- If short dresses are worn, they must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee, including slits.
- Backless dresses should be no lower than the natural waistline.
- There should be no open midriffs showing in front or on the side.
- Fronts must be modest (no visible cleavage when standing or bending over.)
- There should be no see-through material anywhere on the front part of the dress unless in the shoulder or neck area.
- Dresses must be brought in and approved by administration prior to the event.

Failure to comply may mean wearing a coat or sweater during the event or being sent home. The school dress code also applies to any after-dinner event sponsored by WVCS. Thank you for your cooperation as we reflect our Christian testimonies in a positive manner.

WVCS students are responsible to inform any guests of the dress code and make sure he/she is in full cooperation.

ADMINISTRATION IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS REGARDING WHETHER ANY FASHION, FAD, HAIR, JEWELRY OR ARTICLE OF CLOTHING IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL WEAR OR DISRUPTIVE TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OR SAFETY OF THE CAMPUS.