



Policy Section 7
Student Dress Code

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Session 7.0 Dress Code

7.1 Beliefs and Guidelines

Our dress code is based on our belief that uniforms:

1. Decrease distractions in the learning environment
2. Increase respect for learning for students, parents, and staff
3. Increase respect for students by other students, staff, parents, and public
4. Simplify school readiness on a daily basis for parents and students
5. Prepare students for future success by teaching them professional dress

Our dress code was developed with these guidelines in mind:

1. Simplicity - as few pieces as necessary to achieve benefits listed above
2. Equity - Few optional pieces to avoid class distinctions
3. Affordability
4. Durability
5. Ease of implementation by students, parents, and school staff.

7.2 Dress Code Policies

Students should be in school dress code clothing any time they are on school grounds during the day, with the exception of PE. Please note that students **will not** be allowed in class unless their dress adheres to the dress code. Parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing or take the student home to get appropriate clothing if students appear at school out of uniform.

7.2.A Monday through Thursday Attire

1. Students are to wear polos/button down shirts(white, navy, and gold) and uniform pants (Khaki or Navy) Monday through Thursday. Those wearing skirts (khaki, navy, and plaid) must wear shorts underneath and they must extend past the fingertips in length.
2. Students are asked to purchase **one** gold polo with WVA's logo embroidered on it as well as **one** blazer or sweater with the embroidery as well. All other clothing items are not required to have the embroidery. Students who are economically disadvantaged will have these two items provided for them.
3. All skirts and shorts must be proper length. The standard is below the tips of the students fingers.
4. Shoes must be solid in color, either black, brown, tan or white.
5. Ties are not required.
6. Leggings are allowed under skirts and shorts, but they must be black, white or navy in color.
7. Students are allowed to wear Ambassador team spirit wear throughout the week. This only includes sweatshirts that represent their ambassador team. Polos/button downs must be worn underneath.
8. Secondary students are allowed to wear grey outerwear in addition to the navy sweaters, blazers and sweatshirts.

7.2.B Friday Attire

Fridays at West Virginia Academy are reserved for hands-on activities, ambassador projects, sports and intramurals, and field trips. Students are asked to wear their P.E. shirt that represents their Ambassador Team on Fridays. WVA will provide **one** shirt for each student, more can be purchased through WVA or through their Team Store at \$15. Shirts must be in the color of their team. Students are asked to wear athletic shorts or pants with good athletic shoes each Friday.

7.2.C Field Trips and Special Occasions

Field trips are scheduled throughout the year for each grade level. Students will be asked to wear their gold polos and/or blazers with the embroidery on Field trips. If the field trip is with their Ambassador Team, students will be asked to wear their ambassador shirt.

7.3 Exemptions

Under State Code, the executive director is allowed to grant an exemption from complying with the dress code requirement to a student for extenuating circumstances or religious reasons. The school director will carefully consider all requests for exemptions, and grant those which meet the standard of necessity. For instance, unusual medical circumstances might constitute an exemption, as may a religious requirement such as the wearing of a headpiece. The school director is directed to develop individual dress guidelines which, insofar as is possible,

approximately the approved dress code for each student who receives an exemption from the dress code due to extraordinary circumstances.

7.4 Uniform Guide Access

West Virginia Academy has set up two uniform stores through the websites French Toast and Cookie Kids. These stores can be accessed through our website. Items **do not** have to be purchased through these two sites. Uniforms can be purchased at any location that sells uniform attire. If a blazer or gold shirt is purchased through a different store, parents can obtain the embroidery specs from the front office and take it to a place that can embroider the clothing items.

7.4.A Financial Hardship; Other Hardship

If a family is experiencing hardship, we encourage them to meet with a school administrator who will be able to point them to resources in the community whereby they may find assistance. If a family is under financial hardship, they may contact a school administrator to discuss the ways in which West Virginia Academy may assist them in getting uniforms for their student.

Families who qualify for clothing assistance, must provide proof to the front office, and WVA will purchase one gold shirt and embroidered blazer to their students.