

High School Dress Code

A student's appearance has an impact on his/her attitude, behavior, and learning. Students at Windsor Charter Academy shall dress appropriately to show a high degree of personal respect and character. Student dress shall be a direct reflection of the level of character and respect representative of Windsor Charter Academy. The guidelines set forth are meant to allow students the ability to wear clothing to Windsor Charter Academy with a higher level of flexibility while maintaining a high sense of personal respect for appearance and professionalism. Not all fashions worn outside the school are appropriate for Windsor Charter Academy. At all times, the administration reserves the right to require students to modify their dress if clothing is deemed inappropriate or is a distraction to learning. A student found in repeated violation of the dress code will be subject to review by his/her parents/guardians, the administration, and the Executive Board as to appropriate disciplinary action. Suspension is a valid form of discipline for chronic dress code violations.

If at any time a student is not able to comply completely with the dress code due to medical needs, a written note from a physician is required. A conference with the student, guardian/parent, and teacher/principal will be held to determine the best way to honor the dress code and remain comfortable and healthy. If, at any time, a student is not able to comply completely with the dress code due to religious beliefs, a conference with the student, guardian/parent, and teacher/principal will be held to determine the best way to honor the dress code as well as the individual's religion. Administration reserves the right to deem a student's attire a dress code violation.

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General Guidelines	• All clothing, jewelry, and accessories must be modest. • Clothing must conceal undergarments. • Wording or imagery must not convey messages that are sexual, racist, obscene, or that are suggestive of gangs, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, or death. • Dresses or tops are not to have bare midriffs or cling to the body. • Shorts, dresses, or skirts must be of modest length. The length must meet or exceed that of the middle knuckle of the longest finger when standing with arms at the side. This rule applies to the natural flow of the dress/shorts. • No backless, spaghetti strap, strapless, cold shoulder, or halter-type dresses or tops. • Dresses and tops with plunging necklines are not permitted. Plunging necklines are defined as necklines that fall below the line from armpit to armpit. • Bottom garments must be worn at the waist and should not be saggy or baggy.
Tops	• Shirt sleeves must have material beyond the shoulder seam and may not have holes, or windows, or be torn or ripped. • If a top is sheer, a top that meets dress code guidelines must be worn underneath. • Hoods may not be worn in the building.
Bottoms	• Bottom garments should not have holes or be frayed (except for Firebird Dress Day; holes must follow the middle knuckle longest finger rule). • No athletic wear except during PE or free-dress day. • Tights and mesh leggings are not to be worn alone. Leggings must be worn with a top that covers the buttocks. The midriff should not be visible. • No pajamas.
Jumpers & Dresses	• Dresses or skirts that are sheer must have an under-layer that is not sheer and meets dress code guidelines for length.
Jackets & Outerwear	• Winter jackets, coats, hats, gloves, mittens, ear warmers, bandanas, and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building. • No personal blankets are allowed in the classrooms.
Hair	• Must be of a natural color, including facial hair.
Jewelry & Accessories	• Piercings are allowed only on the ears. All other piercings must be removed during school hours and during school functions or replaced with a clear stud. • No spikes or chains.
P.E. Classes	• Students can wear athletic shorts/pants during athletic elective courses.
Scouting & Military Uniforms	• Students who are participating in scouting programs may wear their uniforms on meeting days. • Students who are part of military programs may wear their military uniforms.
Dances	• Clothing should follow the normal WCA High School Dress Code. • Students may dress alternatively if there is a specific dance theme but they must follow the guidelines outlined for the event as approved by the administration. • Shirts, tops, and blouses must conceal the chest and sides. • If the shirt top is sheer, a top that meets dress code guidelines must be worn underneath. • Dresses or shirts are not to have bare midriff; should not see skin when standing. Backless dresses may not be cut below the natural bra line. • Dresses with plunging necklines are not permitted. All necklines must fully cover below the natural bra line (armpit to armpit). • Dresses may be spaghetti strap, strapless, cold shoulder, or halter-type if they meet the neckline requirement. • Dresses or tops with sheer panels, lacing, or cut-outs/ slits on any part of the bodice that reveal bare skin underneath (teardrop, slits, etc.) are not allowed.