



WESTLAKE CHARTER SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY & DRESS CODE

In order to meet the goals of the Westlake Charter School (“WCS” or “School”) to provide a safe and orderly learning environment for all students, WCS has adopted this uniform policy and dress code to ensure that student clothing, jewelry and other accessories remain appropriate to the educational environment.

UNIFORM POLICY

The items in the attached list entitled “Uniform Dress Code”, incorporated herein, have been approved by the Board.

All children must wear approved uniforms daily. To enforce the Uniform Dress Code, we need parent/guardian cooperation. It is your responsibility to make sure that you child arrives to school daily in proper school attire. The uniform has many functions including ensuring the appropriate learning environment, “leveling the playing field” for all students, fostering of school pride and such practical considerations as cost serviceability. The school uniform dress code applies during School hours, and during extra-curricular events whereby the student is representing Westlake Charter School.

Uniform clothing must be kept clean and in good repair. Pants must be neatly hemmed. All patches for holes and any reinforcement must be on the inside of the garment. Blouses and shirts must be capable of being tucked in at all times.

On occasion, non-uniform dress days will be declared (i.e., Free Dress days, dress in blue days etc.). On non-uniform days, all students must still comply with the Westlake Charter School dress code.

Students who come to school in violation of this policy and dress code may be sent home by the School Principal and/or subject to the School’s disciplinary policy. Any special circumstances that may interfere with a child’s ability to follow this policy must be discussed with the Principal. The Principal shall be responsible for implementing a consistent process for responding to students who violate this Uniform Policy and/or Dress Code.

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DRESS CODE

This Dress Code applies to all students. Any garments, footwear, jewelry or other accessory not covered under the Uniform Policy is governed by this Dress Code. As stated above, on non-uniform dress days, all students are still required to follow this Dress Code.

1. All garments must fit and be worn in the manner in which they are designed. Pants must be worn at or above the hip point and be able to stay up without a belt. All clothing should be clean and neat.

2. Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, thongs, flip-flops, or backless shoes/ sandals are prohibited. Sandals may be worn if they have heel straps.

3. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, torn-off sleeves, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited. Sleeveless blouses may be worn.

4. Hats or caps cannot be worn in the classroom.

5. Clothing, accessories, jewelry, backpacks, book covers, lunch boxes, or other items carried by students shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive or which advocate racial ethnic or religious prejudice or the use of drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, or other illegal activities.

6. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. No colored hair spray or gel may be used.

7. Any apparel, jewelry, accessory, school materials or manner of grooming which by virtue of color, arrangement or any other attribute denoting membership in a gang is prohibited.

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8. Teachers and or other Westlake Charter School staff may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports, classes and/or other school sponsored activities.
9. Belts or other waist tie may be worn with pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts.
10. It is recommended that you mark the interior tags within articles of clothing with the student's name for ease of recovering lost items.
11. Students belonging to Girls Scouts, Blue Birds, Brownies, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts etc. may wear their uniforms on meeting days.
12. Make-up, including lipstick, is prohibited.
13. Jewelry, wristwatches, and other accessories should be worn in a manner that would not interfere in safe play or study or cause any interruption in class. Excessive jewelry and/or accessories is discouraged.
14. Students may wear jackets for outside play of their choice. Team sport jackets are highly discouraged. Jackets are not to be worn in the classrooms.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for financial assistance can be made to the Principal. Requests will be kept confidential.

WAIVER PROCESS

Requests for a waiver of the Policy must be made to the Principal in writing. No pupil shall be penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against, nor denied attendance to School if the pupil's parents choose not to have the pupil comply with the School Uniform Policy.

VIOLATIONS

The Principal shall be responsible for implementing and enforcing a consistent process for responding to students who violate this Uniform Policy and/or Dress Code. Students who come to School in violation of this Policy and/or Dress code may be sent home by the Principal and/or subject to the School's disciplinary policy at the discretion of the Principal. Any special circumstances that may interfere with a child's ability to follow this Policy and/or Dress Code must be discussed with the Principal.

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