



WINDHAM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2023-2024 DRESS CODE

The purpose of the Dress Code is to reflect standards of modesty, cleanliness, neatness, safety, and concern for others. **We ask for parents' partnership, understanding and helping in this matter so issues can be resolved before a student ever leaves the home, eliminating our need to bring it to their attention.** All grade levels (PreK through 12) are responsible for abiding by the following general dress code rules.

Boys' and Girls' Tops:	Shirts <u>with sleeves</u> must be in good repair, not form fitting and <u>fully cover shoulders</u> and under garments. Safety shirts (tank tops) may be worn under any shirt when questionable to ensure that the midriff, cleavage, or back is not shown. Students should not expose midriffs, cleavage, back, or underwear, including bra straps.
Boys' and Girls' Bottoms:	Pants or jeans should have no holes and should not expose underwear or be form fitting. No leggings, jeggings, or similarly thin fitting item, even if worn with a long shirt/top unless the student is in PreK-4th grade. Athletic pants are allowed but should be an athletic fabric, not sweatpants material. Sweatpants or pajama style pants are not allowed. Girls Only: - Skirts or dresses that follow the short's guidelines as listed below may be worn with leggings.
Boys' and Girls' Haircuts:	Boys' hair should be neat, clean, combed, and of a natural color. In the back, hair should be no longer than the collar of a t-shirt. Boys may have facial hair as long as it is well-groomed. Girls' hair is to be neat, clean, combed, and of a natural color. Hair must remain out of eyes.
Boys' & Girls' Shoes:	PreK - 3rd Grade: Sneakers should be tied and securely fastened to the feet for playground safety. 4th - 12th Grade: Sneakers or shoes should be securely fastened to the feet. (No backless shoes or flip flops.) Heels must be less than one inch.
Warm Weather Attire:	The month of September and May 1st through the end of school: Students may wear shorts with length no shorter than mid-thigh. When hands are placed at sides, shorts should exceed fingertip length. This is the rule even if worn with leggings. These must have no holes and must not expose underwear.
Cold Weather Attire:	During the winter months, students must have proper outdoor clothing. Students will go outside as often as possible for recesses. PreK - 6th Grade: Boots, warm mittens/gloves, coat, hat, snow pants, etc. are all <u>required</u> . Students may not be able to go outside if they don't have proper attire.
Gym Class:	Athletic pants or shorts (September/May), t-shirts, and a sweatshirt are all acceptable. Sneakers must be worn during gym.
Athletic Attire:	Students may wear sleeveless tops at practices so long as it does not expose the chest or undergarments. No spandex or form fitting bottoms may be worn. Shorts must follow school guidelines. Sweatpants are allowed for athletic practices.

Things NOT to wear:

- Any item with inappropriate language/pictures (tobacco, alcohol, drug or sexual messages, skulls, violence, racial/ethnic slurs, etc).
- Hats are to be removed when inside the school building.
- Tattoos or gauges. Piercings are confined to student's ears; no other piercings are permitted.
- Anything that looks disheveled, unclean, or messy.
- Anything too tight or revealing.

How violations will be handled:

1st Warning: The student will be pulled aside by a staff member, reminded of the dress code, and asked not to wear the type of item again.

2nd Warning: The student's parents are notified that the student was previously spoken to about the dress code error.

3rd Warning: The student's parents are asked to bring in a change of outfit. The student will remain in the office until proper attire can be brought.

The standards of the dress code were chosen to keep students modest and safe and were not meant to reflect what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Jesus accepts us as we are. Choosing to follow this standard of dress, as students will encounter various standards of dress throughout their lives, reflects a Christ-like humility of spirit and a respect for authority. Similarly, when we dress nicely and neatly, we feel better about ourselves, can focus more on our studies, and represent our school well. We appreciate your help.