

WWCS Dress Code & Uniform Policies

Assumption & Desales Catholic Schools

Reasons for Uniform and Dress Code:

1. To encourage students to respect each other for who they are, not for the content of their closets.
2. To discourage fashion competition among students.
3. To encourage students to be in learning mode for the day.
4. To identify WWCS students on campus during the school day.
5. To allow more consistent application of the rules by staff and administration.
6. To provide a healthy Christian environment.

In situations where there is a question about the propriety of appearance, the Principal, or his or her designee, will interpret the application of the dress code. The Principal, or his or her designee, will have sole and absolute discretion in interpreting and enforcing the dress code. This responsibility is exercised whether a student is present on school property or at any time on or off campus when his or her presence represents WWCS.

General Guidelines (All Grades): Students shall be fully clothed between shoulders and knees in neat, clean and modest attire. Clothing must be free of tears, holes, strings, ties, and frayed edges. All articles of clothing must be true to size; no oversized or tight-fitting garments allowed. All shirts must be long enough to remain tucked while raising a hand. No midriffs or undergarments are ever to be visible. Clothing must not mock the dress code. No graphic designs or screen print tops allowed, except for school sponsored items. At school or at school related events, logos, messages or graphics containing antireligious messages, sexual innuendos, profanity, drug/alcohol references, or violent images should never be worn.

Free Dress Days: It is our intent that appropriate school attire be worn on free dress days. Please follow high school dress code rules as regards modesty for all ages, as appropriate.

Dress Code Exceptions: Exceptions to the dress code may be determined by the Principal in order to adapt to special events or in the event of heating or ventilation emergencies.

Dress Code Violations

K-8th Grades There will be one warning given for uniform violations. Students violating the dress code will be asked to adhere to the dress code which may include a call to parents for a change of clothes.

9th-12th Grades: First dress code infraction: Student will be placed in after-school detention. If clothing is inappropriate, the student will be asked to change or phone home for proper clothing. Second dress code infraction and beyond: Any and/or all of the following: after school detention, Saturday school, conference with parents, and students withheld from activities. Persistent Dress-Code violations can result in 1-day, 3-day, 5-day, 10 day suspension followed by expulsion.

Applicable to All Grades

Grooming

Hair: Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Extreme grooming or coloring is not acceptable. Emblems, logos, or symbols shaved into the hair are not allowed. Coloring must be in the range of natural hair colors.

Tattoos: Tattoos, temporary or permanent, should not be noticeably visible. The Walla Walla Catholic Schools strongly discourage parents from allowing students to get a tattoo.

Make Up: Facial make up is not encouraged, but if worn it must be lightly and tastefully applied (for girls grade 7+). Body, face, or hair glitter is not to be worn.

Jewelry: Jewelry should be worn in good taste and should not be distracting, excessive, inconsistent with our Christian values or inappropriate for school. Post earrings and small earrings are acceptable for girls and are to be worn in the lobes of the ears only. A small nose stud is acceptable (for girls grade 9+). The use of excessive jewelry, large chain link jewelry, spikes or metal necklaces or bracelets, including chains to hold wallets are not appropriate for school.

Jewelry must be removed during Physical Education class. The School Administration reserves the right to determine when such piercings or other jewelry are excessive or distracting. Students will be asked to remove such jewelry and not to wear it again.

General Clothes Requirements

Hats: No hats or hoods up in the school building. Headwear must reflect the spirit of the dresscode.

Tops: Shirts are to be worn tucked in at all times and may not show any midriff skin when arms are raised to shoulder height. Remind students to come to school with shirts tucked in and check their shirts when coming in from recess and P.E. Blouses with cut-outs on shoulders or backs are not allowed. Shirts layered beneath sweaters, sweatshirts, or dresses may be non-collared, but otherwise must be within dress code. Necklines should be no lower than the width of a standard credit card (2.25 inches) below the collarbone at the base of the neck.

Bottoms: Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, dresses, and tunics must be hemmed and worn near the waistline, no undergarments showing. All shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, dresses and tunics must be as long as the student's fingertips when standing, and no longer than brushing the top of the foot.

Leggings: Leggings may be worn under a skirt, skort, jumper, dress or tunic but not alone as pants.

Belts: Belts must be solid leather or cloth webbing (for Assumption, color must coordinate with uniform), or same fabric as pants. No belts with glitter or rhinestones, silk ties or chains allowed.

Shoes: Shoes must be neat, clean and in good condition, no rips or tears. Shoes requiring laces must be laced. Dress sandals are acceptable. No athletic sandals, crocs, flip flops, shoes that separate the toes, or shoes with wheels allowed. No cleats may be worn in the building. Heels must be under 3 inches.

Coats and Jackets: Trench coats may not be worn on campus. Outdoor jackets and heavy coats may not be worn in the building during the school day. Please send students in proper attire for the weather to include coats, hats, mittens and boots when necessary. Please label items that could easily be misplaced or mixed up.

Assumption Uniforms (Kindergarten through 6th grade)

Gentlemen:

- Long pants or walking shorts in Navy Blue or Khaki.
- Long or short sleeved oxford shirts in White.
- Long or short sleeved polo shirt, mock turtleneck, or turtleneck tops in White, Red, Navy Blue, or Evergreen.
- Button front V-neck or zip-front cardigan sweaters in Navy Blue or Evergreen.
- Official crewneck (no hoods) sweatshirts (K-3) or quarter zips (4-6) that will be distributed in the fall after school starts. Any Assumption hooded sweatshirts previously purchased are not allowed.
- Official Assumption jackets (K-6) purchased through Custom Ink.
- Socks should be solid in colors: Navy Blue, Evergreen, Red, White, or Black.

Ladies:

- Jumpers must be in Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid pattern from **Land's End** (see instructions below).
- Long pants, capri pants, walking shorts, skirts, or skorts must be in Navy Blue or Khaki. Skirts and skorts may also be in Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid pattern from Land's End.
- Long or short sleeved oxford shirts in White.
- Long or short sleeved Peter Pan collar blouses in White with no trim.
- Long or short sleeved polo shirt, mock turtleneck, or turtleneck tops in White, Red, Navy Blue, or Evergreen.
- Socks, tights, and leggings should be solid in colors: Navy Blue, Evergreen, Red, White, or Black.

- Button front V-neck or zip-front cardigan sweaters in Navy Blue or Evergreen.
- Official crewneck (no hoods) sweatshirts (K-3) or quarter zips (4-6) that will be distributed in the fall after school starts. Any Assumption hooded sweatshirts previously purchased are not allowed.
- Official Assumption jackets purchased through Custom Ink

Hair: Must be neatly groomed and in a natural hair color.

Shoes: All shoes must be closed toe and heel.

Mass Day: Students will be attending Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Assumption Parish. Children should be neat and clean, and girls are encouraged to wear their plaids.

Spirit Days: Throughout the year, typically on Fridays, Assumption will have Spirit Days. Assumption students will be provided a Spirit T-shirt they may wear for these special days. Bottom wear with the Spirit T-Shirt on Spirit Days will be regular dress bottom uniform.

Themed Dress Days: During the school year, Assumption may have Themed Dress Days. These are days where students may dress out of uniform when following the theme for the day. An example would be Red, White and Blue for Veteran's Day. During the Themed Dress days, we ask students to dress in appropriate clothing and not wear things like athletic shorts, sweats, nor change hair color. Students also have the option of wearing uniform dress.

Free Dress Days: During the school year, Assumption may have Free Dress Days. During these days, students may wear appropriate clothing outside of uniform dress that may include athletic shorts, sweats, and jeans, with teacher approval. On these days, students also have the option of wearing uniform dress.

DeSales Junior High School Uniform

- Long pants or walking shorts in Navy Blue or Khaki.
- Long or short sleeved oxford shirts in White.
- Long or short sleeved polo shirt, mock turtleneck, or turtleneck tops in White, Red, Navy Blue, or Evergreen.
- Button front V-neck or zip-front cardigan sweaters in Navy Blue or Evergreen.
- Official School Quarter Zip (will be gifted at beginning of the year for new students).

Ladies:

- Long pants, capri pants, walking shorts, skirts, or skorts must be in Navy Blue or Khaki.
- Skirts and skorts may also be in Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid pattern from Land's End.
- Long or short sleeved Oxford shirts in White.
- Long or short sleeved Peter Pan collar blouses in White with no trim.
- Long or short sleeved Polo shirt, mock turtleneck or turtleneck tops in White, Red, Navy Blue or Evergreen.
- Tights and leggings should be solid in colors: Navy Blue, Evergreen, Red, White, or Black.
- Official School Quarter Zip (will be gifted at beginning of the year for new students).

Shoes:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Dress shoes, dress sandals, and athletic shoes are permitted so long as they are free from rips, tears or holes.
- Flip flops, slides, and slippers are not allowed.

Skirts, Dresses, Shorts, Leggings:

- Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at least finger-tip length.
- Leggings must be covered by a skirt or dress of fingertip length.

Purchasing Uniforms Through Land's End

No sweatshirts, jackets, or quarter zips may be purchased at Land's End.

1. Go to www.landsend.com
2. On top menu, go to School->Find Your School Click on Find Your School button
3. Click on Enter School Number

4. Type in school number "900113861" and click on Find School Enter information under Who Are You Shopping For
5. Click on Shop Now as a Guest OR Sign in to Save Dress Code

DeSales High School Dress Code (9th through 12th grades)

Minor embellishments on clothes, such as ties and scarves allowed, provided they do not pose a safety hazard in science class.

Light jackets, letterman's jackets, sweatshirts or sweaters: may be worn inside during the cooler seasons. To promote the clarity of our school's purpose, any images or language may only be those of Assumption, DeSales, or Collegiate. Exceptions include small manufacturers logos and WaHi (or other high school) logos related to sports and activities in which the individual student participates.

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, polos with collars, or turtlenecks are required. Dri-Fit long sleeve shirts are considered T-shirts, and not allowed. Regular pants or dress slacks, and loose-fitting walkshorts (not athletic shorts), free of large logos or messages, made of the following material: poly/cotton blend, cotton, wool, denim or rayon.

Ladies: Tops with or without collars with sleeves, no plain or athletic T-Shirts. Mock and true turtlenecks with sleeves. Dresses with sleeves. Regular pants or dress slacks, denim, walking shorts, skirts, or skorts are allowed.

Formal Dress/All-School Mass Days: There will be days during the school year when students and faculty are required to "dress-up". The minimum requirement is khaki pants and polo shirts. Belts are required with polos tucked in. Cargo, denim pants, jeans, or shorts should not be worn.

Appropriate socks and shoes are also required. Skirts or dresses that are knee length or longer when standing can be worn with appropriate tops. Dress slacks or corduroys may also be worn with appropriate tops, such as collared dress shirts, properly buttoned. Shirts must remain tucked in.

Physical Education Dress: Modest Athletic Shorts – No Spandex. T-shirts that cover shoulders and are non-transparent and appropriate length. Physical Education teachers may have some additional requirements.