



Dress Code

WHCT Student Dress Code [updated Jan 2023]

In I Corinthians 6:19, we are told that the body given to us by God is indeed the “temple of the Holy Spirit and that young or old, we are to be an example to others “in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity”: (I Timothy 4:12).

The message we communicate to others about ourselves and about our Lord can be greatly affected by our dress. While it is not our desire for West Harpeth Christian Tutorial to become the “fashion police”, we do request that parent and student work together in the choice of apparel that will reflect the faith, conduct, and purity mentioned in the verse from I Timothy. We should not dress in a way that puts the body on display, but rather in a way that is consistent with Christian moderation.

Guidelines while on campus and at WHCT events:

- Clean, Modest Clothing: stomach, cleavage, and undergarments must be completely covered.
- Skirts or dresses must be at the knee length.
Mid-thigh skirts or dresses are allowed if wearing leggings or finger-tip length shorts underneath.
- Shorts should be to the length of the student’s fingertips (when arms hang to the side) or longer.
- Sleeveless shirts that are at least 3 fingers wide are allowed.
Arms holes should be reasonably snug and not allow the visibility of undergarments.
- Logos, images, and messages on clothing should be appropriate and non-offensive.
- Pants worn near the natural waistline.
- Leggings are allowed only if worn with a tunic or long shirt /sweater that completely covers one’s backside.
- Holes in pants are allowed as long as no skin is visible above the fingertip length.
- Visible tattoos must be appropriate.
- Shoes are required at all times. (Exceptions are made for theater performances.)

Formal event guidelines (ex: Christmas party, prom, etc.):

Ladies:

- For formal events & specific theater costumes only, girls are allowed to wear sleeveless or strapless dresses as long as no undergarments show.
- Backless (defined as below the bra line), or low-cut fronts (with cleavage) are not appropriate.
- Dresses must be at least finger-tip in length at the shortest point (including slits) with shoulders completely relaxed. Dresses above the knee require shorts underneath.
- Bodycon and Midriff styles are not permitted.
- ***If you have questions about your specific attire, please ask for approval from the Student Affairs Committee or the Director.***

Gentlemen:

- Gentlemen are to wear a suit or dress shirt/dress pants.

Steps taken when the dress code policy is violated:

1. If it is determined that a student has violated the dress code policy necessitating an incident report, the report will be sent to the parent and the Director notified. At the Director’s discretion the student may be asked to change or be sent home and unable to attend class that day. The incident report should be signed by the parent and student and returned to the Director.
2. If a second offense should occur, a written dress code violation notice will be given to the student and asked to be returned, signed by both the student and the parents. Again, at the Director’s discretion the student may be sent home and unable to attend class that day.
3. If a third dress code violation should occur, the student will be sent home and unable to attend class that day. Every subsequent day the student is in violation of the dress code for the remainder of the year, the student will be sent home and unable to attend class.

Our heart is not to focus on the outward appearance, but to create a comfortable, distraction-free environment for learning.