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Student Dress Code

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 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 all 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 leggings or finger-tip length shorts are worn underneath.
- Shorts should be to the length of the student’s fingertips (when arms hang to the side) or longer.
- All shirts must have sleeves.
- Logos, images, and messages on clothing should be appropriate and non-offensive.
- Pants should be worn near the natural waistline.
- Leggings are allowed 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 fingertip length.
- Pajama pants are only allowed on themed Pajama Days.
- Visible tattoos must be appropriate.
- Shoes are required at all times. (Exceptions are made for theater performances.)
- Student ID badges are required to be worn on campus during regular tutorial days.

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.

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Steps taken when the dress code policy is violated:

If a tutor determines that a student has violated the dress code policy necessitating an incident report, the tutor will themselves write up the report and notify the Director. At the Director's discretion, the student may be asked to change or 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.

If a second offense should occur, a second incident report 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.

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.