

DRESS CODE

Our dress code contributes in a very important way to the overall sense of unity as a Christian school community. The dress code enhances the learning atmosphere, adds a sense of pride, and reduces negative competition among the students. Whitefieldians are expected to wear their uniform in a manner that portrays a positive and modest self-image, conveys personal neatness and cleanliness, and demonstrates a willing attitude of excellence in performance and achievement.

Because of our belief in how God has made us, students must dress according to their biological gender.

Students are expected to be in the full appropriate uniform throughout each day whether on campus, on field trips, or other school events (including school events scheduled after normal school hours) unless otherwise specified.

Please give special attention to the “Notes for…” paragraphs.

Designated uniform items may be purchased from the stores listed in the “Where to Purchase” section below.

GIRLS, Grammar School

- Designated jumper or skirt in Grammar plaid
- Designated shorts, skorts, skirts or slacks in solid navy blue
- Shirts:
 - Designated short or long-sleeved white or hunter green polo shirt or turtleneck
 - Plain white blouse with plain, not ruffled, peter pan collar – short or long-sleeved
 - Designated sweater or vest in navy or hunter green with school logo over collared shirt
 - Designated sweatshirt or hoodie in navy, hunter green or gray with school logo/crest over collared shirt
- Shoes and socks:
 - Socks, tights or leggings in black, navy, hunter green or white that cover the ankle
 - Conservative tennis shoes in predominately one color, either navy, black, or white

- Dress Uniform:
 - Pre-K - 3: Jumper, long-sleeve plain-collared peter pan blouse, white tights, dark dress shoes
 - 4 - 6: Plaid skirt, long-sleeve peter pan blouse, white tights, dark dress shoes
 - Dark dress shoes in navy, black or brown, closed toe and solid back.

GIRLS, Dialectic and Rhetoric Schools

- Designated skirt in navy or upper school plaid (Rhetoric School: also, khaki)
- Designated slacks or shorts* in navy (Rhetoric School: also, khaki)
* See “Additional Dress Code Directions” below
- Shirts:
 - Designated button-down white oxford, short or long-sleeved
 - Polo shirt or turtleneck in white, hunter green or yellow (Rhetoric School: also navy)
 - Designated sweater or vest in navy, yellow or hunter green with school logo/crest over collared shirt
 - Designated sweatshirt or hoodie in navy, hunter green or gray with school logo or crest over collared shirt
- Shoes, socks, tights & hose:
 - Dark, single color, dress shoes which may include Topsider/Boat Shoe style; closed toe, solid back, or conservative tennis shoes in predominately one color, either navy, black, or white.
 - Socks, plain tights or leggings in black, navy, hunter green, or white. When wearing a skirt, knee socks or plain tights, hose or leggings must be worn. When worn with pants or shorts, socks must cover the ankle. (Rhetoric School: may wear khaki socks and tights). Leggings must be without embellishments such as patterns, lace or buttons. They must be worn with white or same-colored socks that cover the ankle and overlap the hem of the leggings.
- Dress uniform:
 - Plaid skirt, long-sleeve white button-down oxford shirt, navy tights, or white knee socks, dark dress shoes

Notes for All Girls

- Navy or khaki skirts may be plain front or pleated
- Plaid skirts may be pleated or kilted
- Skirt, skort, and short length should be less than 5" above the floor when kneeling
- Nails should not be excessively long
- Headbands should coordinate with the school uniform; no bandanas or visible logos
- Earrings should be discrete

BOYS, Grammar School

- Designated shorts or pants in solid navy with plain dark belt. (Pre-K and K students are not required to wear belts.)
- Shirts:
 - Designated button-down white oxford shirt, short or long-sleeved. Polo shirt or turtleneck, in white or hunter green
 - Designated sweater or vest in navy or hunter green with school logo over collared shirt
 - Designated sweatshirt or hoodie in navy, hunter green or gray with school logo or crest over collared shirt
- Shoes and socks:
 - Conservative tennis shoes in predominately one color, either navy, black, or white
 - Socks: navy, black or white, must cover ankle
- Dress uniform:
 - Navy pants, white long-sleeve button down oxford shirt, dark dress shoes, plain dark belt
 - Dark dress shoes in navy, black or brown, dark soles, closed toe and solid back

BOYS, Dialectic and Rhetoric Schools

- Designated pants or shorts* in solid navy with plain dark belt. (Rhetoric School: also, khaki)
* See "Additional Dress Code Directions" below
- Shirts:
 - Designated button-down white oxford shirt, short or long-sleeved. Polo shirt or turtleneck in white, hunter green, or yellow (Rhetoric School: also, navy)
 - Designated sweater or vest in navy, yellow or hunter green with school logo or crest over collared shirt
 - Designated sweatshirt or hoodie in navy, hunter green or gray with school logo or crest over collared shirt

- Shoes and socks:
 - Dark, single color, dress shoes which may include Topsider/Boat Shoe style; closed toe, solid back, or conservative tennis shoes in predominately one color, either navy, black, or white.
 - Socks: navy, black or white, must cover ankle (Rhetoric School: also, khaki).
- Dress uniform:
 - Navy pants, white long-sleeve button down oxford, dark socks, dark dress shoes, plain dark belt (Rhetoric School: khaki pants)

Notes for All Boys

- Hair should be a conservative cut above the eyebrows, ears and collar, with no extreme styles
- No facial hair below the ear, except as allowed for Whitefield Academy drama performances
- No earrings or pierced jewelry

ALL STUDENTS

Physical Education Uniform (7th – 12th Grades)

- Athletic shorts or athletic long pants in solid navy or black (stripe or small logos permitted). No short shorts—shorts should be at mid-thigh.
- T-shirt with school logo/crest in gray – short sleeve (one shirt and pair of shorts provided by school, additional items are available for purchase)
- School sweatshirts may be worn outside

Spiritwear

- Spiritwear items are clothing with our school logos, crest, or house, purchased through the school. These include t-shirts, shirts, hats, scarves, jackets. Spiritwear does not include *Athletic* or *WA Event* wear.

Athletic Wear

- Athletic wear items are clothing designed for use by athletes in the normal course of their season. These include official uniform items, shooter shirts, and warm-up pants and jackets.

WA Event Wear

- Clothing such as shirts for Serve Day, class trips, debate, soccer camp, athletic championships, the MCAA league, Student Council, Shakespeare and Antigone, etc.

Additional Dress Code Directions

- Unusual or outlandish styles in clothing, jewelry, hair, nails, or shoes are not permitted
- Facial jewelry such as nose-rings or studs, eyebrow or lip piercings is not permitted
- If hair is dyed, it should be within the naturally occurring range of hair color
- Visible tattoos are not permitted while in school uniform or when at extra-curricular activities
- Hats or scarves (except spiritwear scarves) may not be worn in class
- Undershirts/t-shirts must be solid white and short-sleeved
- Racerback/volleyball tops are not permitted on athletic days unless a solid white t-shirt is worn underneath on athletic wear days.
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times and may have the top button only unbuttoned
- Shooter shirts or team jerseys may be worn by team members and managers on game days only
- Whitefield warm-up jackets, approved spiritwear and letter jackets may be worn in the classroom. Beginning school year 2019-20, "LIONS" warm-up jackets will no longer be permitted as school wear
- Non-uniform shirts, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts may not be worn in class
- Shorts and pants must have belt loops and a plain dark belt must be worn (except PK, TK, or K)
- Pants, slacks, shorts or skirts must be worn modestly (including sportswear and during games). Cargo and mini-styles are not permitted
- Socks should be of one color with no stripes or other designs
- Shoes should be predominately one color, with no designs, bright colors or bright laces. No sandals, booties, clogs, boots, or soft-soled moccasins
- Shorts: Active Chino Shorts available only from Land's End with logo or crest in the color of the short embroidered on them. Socks covering the ankles must be worn with shorts
- Boots may be worn outside during recess in inclement weather. No style of boot may be worn in classrooms.

- School uniform will be worn on field trips unless designated differently by the teacher
- Students participating in choir, athletics or debate may be expected to wear a specific uniform

Dress Code Infractions

Dress code infractions are subject to disciplinary action. Infractions include:

- Incomplete uniform or non-uniform including clothing, hair, and jewelry
- Unwashed, unkempt or inappropriately styled hair. Hairstyles should not include a mixture of close-cropped and long hair.
- Unclean, sloppy, or improperly worn attire
- Frayed, torn, stained, or excessively worn items
- Wearing clothing items not designated for a student's biological gender

Where to Purchase

Designated uniform items may be purchased from the school's approved uniform providers:

- Dennis Uniform, 6322 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66211. www.dennisuniform.com
- Land's End, www.landsend.com, 1-800-469-2222, Preferred School #: 9000-2700-4

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

Spiritwear Days

Upper School students may wear spiritwear items on "top" with uniform bottoms and shoes, or blue or black jeans and athletic shoes.

Grammar School students may wear uniform, blue or black jeans, jean shorts or skirts at dress-code length (5" above floor when kneeling), or approved navy mesh gym shorts with logo with their spiritwear or most recent Serve Day shirts. This also applies to Games Day and Field Day.

Spiritwear should be the outermost layer of the ensemble. If it is too cool for a short-sleeve t-shirt, a long-sleeve shirt of the same color may be worn underneath a t-shirt. Only spiritwear crewneck or hoodie sweatshirts, or WA logoed athletic jackets may be worn on spiritwear days. Hats may not be worn indoors.

WA Event Days

WA event wear will be permitted to honor our students' participation in Serve Day, House events, debate, soccer camp, athletic championships, the MCAA league, Student Council, Shakespeare, Antigone and the like.

Tournament Days

After a significant placement in a tournament or competition, team members may be permitted to wear their team jerseys with jeans and athletic shoes. This is not a spiritwear day and is open only to team members.

Upper School Team Jersey Days

Team members may wear game jerseys or other pre-approved team apparel on regular season home-game days. Regular uniform shoes and pants/skirts/skortos are to be worn.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Periodically throughout the year we conduct fire, tornado, and lockdown/active-shooter drills in order to train for emergency situations.

FOOD AND GUM

In an effort to keep our rooms clean and our students focusing on their lessons, no food, or drink other than water, is permitted in the classrooms, multi-purpose room, annex commons, and chapel. With teacher permission, on special occasions, food and/or drink may be permitted in classrooms.

Chewing of gum is not permitted anywhere on campus at any time.

ILLNESS AND INJURY

In the event of illness occurring while a student is at school, the classroom teacher is authorized to make the final judgment as to whether a child is too ill to continue participating in classroom activities and thus remain at school.

A child who exhibits a fever or experiences vomiting or diarrhea must remain home from school for at least 24 hours following the incident.

Minor abrasions or nosebleeds will be treated at school without immediate parental notification, however parents will be immediately informed of anything of a more serious nature.

LEAVING SCHOOL

If a student has to leave during the school day, the office requires a note or phone call from a parent.

Students (including athletes and fans) leaving campus during the normal school day will sign out in the office when leaving and sign in upon returning. Failure to do so is a Major School Rule violation.

Students who provide their own transportation to and from school need not be accompanied by a parent or guardian if leaving campus during the school day; they must sign out in the office. Other students must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other authorized individual.

Students should be picked up or leave campus promptly at dismissal. Grammar School students who are not picked up by dismissal will be placed in Aftercare supervision and charged for the service. Supervision is not provided for grades 7-12 after 3:30 p.m. Upper School students should be picked up using the cafeteria entrance after 3:30 p.m.

LIBRARY

Whitefield maintains a library for use by students. Books will be checked out to students who are responsible for their return. Lost or damaged books will be charged to the family account.

LOCKER ROOMS AND RESTROOMS

Because of our belief in how God has made us (Psalm 139:13-14), students may use only the locker rooms, changing areas, restrooms, etc., associated with their biological gender. Failure to do so comprises a Major School Rule violation (See p.8).

LOCKERS

Dialectic and Rhetoric School students are assigned lockers at the start of each school year. If a student elects to use a combination lock the office must be notified of the combination. Other locks are not permitted. Because the school rents out its facilities on the weekend, students are advised to secure their lockers or remove valuable items at the end of each school day. The school is not responsible for items stored in lockers or left on school grounds.

LOST AND FOUND

The school maintains a lost and found area for unattended items. It is the student or parent's responsibility to check for missing items. Items left unclaimed for a few weeks are donated to charity or disposed of.