

DeSales Uniform and Dress Code

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 DeSales 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

Assumption: 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.

DeSales: 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.

Grooming (All Grades)

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.

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 dress code.

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..

DeSales Junior High Uniform Code (7th and 8th grades)

Boys:

Long pants or walking shorts, “clean” cargos allowed, in Navy Blue or Khaki.

Long or short sleeved Oxford shirts in White.

Long or short sleeved Polo shirts in White, Red, Maize, Navy Blue or Evergreen.

Button front V-neck or zip-front cardigan sweaters in Navy Blue or Evergreen.

Girls:

Long pants, capri pants, walking shorts, skirts, or skorts, “clean” cargos allowed, in Navy Blue or Khaki.

Long, $\frac{3}{4}$, or short sleeved Oxford shirts in White.

Long, $\frac{3}{4}$, or short sleeved Peter Pan collar blouses in White with no trim.

Long or short sleeved Polo shirts in White, Red, Maize, Navy Blue or Evergreen.

N.B.: Only official school sweatshirts and uniform sweaters may be worn inside.

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

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 walking shorts (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.