

# WTA UNIFORM POLICY

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All students in grades K–8 are required to follow the WTA Uniform Policy. The purpose of the policy is to:

- 1) Identify the child as a student of Ward Traditional Academy
- 2) Diminish social identifications by clothing choices
- 3) Place focus on academics and safety during school hours

Students are expected to dress in a neat, modest fashion to promote a school learning environment that is respectful, safe and allows all students to maximize their academic growth. We appreciate your cooperation in making certain that your child's clothing follows our uniform policy. If you have questions about an item, style, color, etc., seek guidance from the administration or faculty.

## TOPS

- **Solid navy, black, burgundy, pastel pink or white**
- Polo style with collar and sleeves
- Tops may be untucked for all grades as long as the length is no longer than the students wrists when arms are down at their sides.
- **NO** graphics or logos (other than WTA) are permitted.
- A uniform colored turtleneck or undershirt is permitted for warmth under the uniform top. Layering of tops for fashion is not allowed.



## BOTTOMS

- **Solid navy or khaki**
- Basic uniform, chino style, undamaged, hemmed, pants
- Skirts, skorts, or capris made of twill or cotton/polyester blend. Length for shorts and skirts/skorts may not measure more than 3" above the knee.
- Jumper or polo shirt-dresses
- **NO** graphics, logos or embellishments are permitted.
- **NOT Permitted:** Drawstring pants, pants gathered at ankle, sweatpants, or cargo pants.
- Jeggings and leggings are allowed on student earned, NO UNIFORM DAYS only. Tops must cover students' bottom when standing.
- Jeggings, leggings, and pajamas are not allowed on Fridays.



## JACKETS

- All jackets must be a **solid color**. Please make the most conservative choice. **NO** neon colors.
- **NO** graphics or logos (other than WTA) are permitted.
- Please write the student's name in the jacket so it can be identified in the lost and found.



**SHOES** – Shoes must have closed toes and closed heels. Athletic shoes are recommended. Please make the most conservative choice. **NO** solid neon colored shoes. Boots are never allowed.



**SOCKS** – Must be worn at all times. Socks must be matching and be **solid black, navy blue, white or gray**. Styles may include ankle, mid-calf, knee-high socks, or tights. Leggings or tights may be worn under a skirt or dress as long as they are a solid sock color.

## GROOMING

**Hair** – Only natural hair colors are acceptable. Faddish or distracting hairstyles, facial hair, or haircuts, including, but not limited to Mohawks, faux-hawks are not allowed. Hair must be worn off the face. Distracting headwear is prohibited.

**Makeup** – Only natural looking makeup is permitted. Distracting makeup, such as dark lipstick, dark or glittery eyeshadow or eyeliner, is not permitted. Do not bring makeup to school. Tattoos (temporary or permanent), writing or marks on exposed skin are not allowed. Body fragrance is discouraged.

**Nails** – Nail coloring must be one color only, neatly applied, and well maintained. No neon colors.

**Jewelry** – Pierced jewelry is permitted in ears only. Studs or small earrings are allowed. Large, dangling or hoop earrings, bracelets or jewelry that could cause distraction during instruction or injury on school grounds are not permitted.

**Belts** - Belts should be solid black, or brown, without embellishments and worn through belt loops allowing pants to fit at the waist. Belts are not required.

**Hats** - Hats or sunglasses may be worn for outdoor activities only. Hats for warmth must be in a solid uniform color and worn only outdoors. NO graphics or logos (other than WTA) are permitted.

**SPIRIT DAY (Optional)** - Every Friday or a reward day designated by the Principal

Students are allowed to wear a WTA school related t-shirt. Spirit shirts can be purchased in the office. Many students have sports, classroom, or PACE t-shirts that are also allowed.

Spirit Day bottoms are to be “**plain blue denim**” pants, Bermuda length shorts, skirts or capris, free of all decoration, graphics, holes or tears, no more than 3” above the knee. Flat side pockets are permitted; puffy cargo pockets are not.

## NO UNIFORM DAY – INCLUDING SPIRIT WEEK

This is a reward day earned by the student(s) to wear their regular clothing. It remains the goal at WTA that students always observe modesty and a reasonable standard of dress. As such, the following standards shall apply to clothing worn on a “No Uniform Day” :

- Clothing should be undamaged and hemmed.
- Logos or graphics that are offensive, display obscene or inflammatory language or gang affiliation, offer advertising for controlled substances, or depict violence are not allowed.
- Tops should be sleeved and fully cover the student's midsection.
- Length of shorts and skirts no more than 3” above the knee.
- Hair, makeup, nail, and jewelry standards remain the same as with the uniform policy.
- Jeggings and leggings are allowed on student earned NO UNIFORM DAYS only. Tops must cover the students' bottom when standing.
- Standards for footwear remain the same as with the uniform policy.

**The regular school uniform is acceptable any day of the week.**

## ENFORCING THE WTA DRESS CODE

Parents/Guardians are responsible for sending their children to school in school approved dress and grooming. The administration and faculty will determine dress code violations. Teachers will check for compliance with the uniform dress code daily. Parents/Guardians may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school if a violation is determined. Written notice will be sent home to parents for every uniform violation. The notice is to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the school office the following day. If the notice is not signed and returned the following day, the parent/guardian may be emailed to verify notification.

**1st offense:** Student will receive a written warning.

**2nd offense:** Student will be required to sit out during recess.

**3rd offense:** Student and parent/guardian will be required to have a meeting with the teacher to review the uniform dress code to ensure understanding and compliance.

**4th offense:** The parent/guardian will be required to accompany the student to school each morning for a full week. The student will be allowed on campus only after the principal (or their designee) gives the student uniform approval. With approval, the parent/guardian may sign in their student for the day.

**5th offense:** The student's enrollment at Ward Traditional Academy will be reviewed/discussed by the parent/guardian(s) and administrator.