

DRESS CODE FOR ALL GRADES

Woodland's dress code philosophy is intended to reflect the school's identity as an educational community by providing a standard that will help students balance expressions of individuality with obligations to others. There is an expectation that parents will work closely with the school to insure students' adherence to these standards, which create a positive disciplined environment in the school, freeing students and staff to concentrate on instruction rather than peer pressure, competition, or distraction in clothing. There is a documented relationship between student dress and success, school pride, and the accomplishment of curriculum goals and education objectives. Woodland administration has the final determination of dress code compliance. Failure to comply may require the parent to provide a change of clothes. Student's name should be on all articles of clothing.

Early Childhood (2K, PK and JK only)

Students in Little Woodland (2K), pre-kindergarten, and junior kindergarten are to dress within the broad guidelines of a neat and clean appearance in clothing and shoes that are appropriate for school and play.

Athletic shoes are required for early childhood students for safety reasons. Shoes with wheels or lights are not allowed.

The only required uniform purchase for students in grades pre-kindergarten and junior kindergarten is the **cobalt-colored polo shirt** from Lands' End to wear on all off-campus field trips.

Other helpful Early Childhood Dress Code information can be found in the Early Childhood Handbook.

Additional uniform policies for grades SK-8 are as follows:

Lower and Middle School - Boys and Girls

- All uniforms must be purchased from Lands' End and must be on the school's approved list.
- All shirts, jackets, and jumpers with the exception of plaid, must be marked with the school logo.
- Students in grades SK-4 are required to purchase the **cobalt-colored polo shirt** from Lands' End to wear on all off-campus field trips.
- All polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- The Lands' End sweatshirt with the official school logo is the only approved uniform sweatshirt.
- Clothing must not be torn or frayed.
- Belts must be worn with pants or shorts with belt loops.
- Athletic shoes, oxfords, and wallaby-type shoes are the only type of shoes allowed. Athletic shoes are strongly encouraged as the preferred footwear. Shoes must be conservative in color, and administration has the final discretion on suitability of shoes. Shoes with wheels or lights are not allowed.
- Socks are mandatory, must be blue, black, or white, and must be visible at all times.
- Non-uniform outerwear (jackets, sweatshirts, etc.) may not be worn in the school building during the school day.

- Non-uniform clothing or accessories, including all outerwear, that advertise subjects inappropriate for school may not be worn.
- Jackets purchased from Lands' End with the Woodland logo may be worn in school.
- Shirts or tops may not have writing, with the exception of the school logo where required or permitted.
- All undershirts must be white. Writing on shirts must not be visible through shirt.
- The Dress Code remains in force during the school day while students are on campus. The Director of After School Care may relax the Dress Code at her discretion.
- Items from the Woodland Spirit Shop and Woodland athletic team shirts can only be worn on Spirit Days. Students may not wear gym shorts, P.E. uniforms, or pajama bottoms on Spirit Day.
- All jewelry and headbands must be conservative.
- No novelty hair accessories are allowed.
- Multiple necklaces and bracelets are prohibited.
- Extreme types of haircuts and/or hair color are not allowed. Hair color must not deviate beyond the normal hair color range of the student.

For Girls

- Tops clearly designed to be worn outside the skirt or pants may be un-tucked; others must be tucked with belt or waistband showing. Undergarments should not be visible below the un-tucked shirt.
- Tights may be footed or footless and may be worn in only solid black, navy, or white.
- Length of skirts and skorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above knee.
- Shorts of any kind worn under skirts or jumpers should not be visible when standing or walking.

For Boys

- Hair must be neatly combed, out of the eyes, and off the collar.
- Boys' pants are to be worn securely around their waists.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Shirts must be tucked, with belt or waistband showing.

Non-Uniforms Days

During the school year certain days are designated as Spirit Days, House Days, and other non-uniform days. Dress code for Spirit Days includes clothing from the Woodland Spirit Shop and other shirts that have Woodland written on them (athletic team shirts, etc.). On House Days, all students wear their House Day t-shirts. Jeans, jean shorts or skirts, khaki pants, or khaki shorts or skirts are acceptable on these days. Clothing may not be distressed or frayed and must be free of any holes. **Shorts and skirts must be dress-code length (3 inches above the knee).** Students may not wear gym shorts, P.E. uniforms, pajama bottoms, or leggings on Spirit Day or House Days. If not participating in House or Spirit Day, students must be in school uniform. Occasionally there are other announced days on which students are allowed to dress out of uniform. These guidelines are in place for any such day.

Woodland School Administration reserves the right to modify the dress code as needed.