

# Updated Dress Code Policy

All students are expected to come to school in clean and properly fitting uniforms with proper hygiene and hair styled neatly. Daily personal grooming is important. Pride in one's appearance is the first step in gaining self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, limiting distractions associated with inappropriate or unusual dress and personal style promotes a positive learning environment. Parents will be contacted if a student is out of uniform or comes to school poorly groomed.

The student dress code is an important part of the school program and philosophy. Making a choice to attend the school, the student (with parent support) agrees to follow all dress code requirements. **The dress code is not an option for the student or parent.** Not choosing to follow the dress code may lead to suspension or expulsion.

The Western Toledo Preparatory Academy Administration are the prime enforcers of this policy.

Students are required to wear a school uniform daily. The student dress code is as follows:

## All Students

- Solid color blouse or knit shirt with collar (shoulders must be covered)
- Solid white garment worn under shirt\*\*
- Solid dark blue, black, or khaki skirts to knee (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)
- Solid dark blue, black, or khaki shorts to knee (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)
- Solid dark blue, black, or khaki jumpers to knee (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)
- Solid dark blue, black, or khaki long slacks
- Athletic shoes may be worn
- NO sandals, flip flops, slides, crocs, slippers, or any shoe that exposes the toes or heel.
- Shirts must be tucked inside the pants or skirts

### **\*\*If needed**

- ABSOLUTELY NO:
  - JEANS
  - HEAD COVERINGS (UNLESS FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS)
  - HOODIES (UNLESS THEY CONTAIN THE SCHOOL LOGO)
  - PLUNGING NECKLINES
  - COMBS, PICKS, BRUSHES
  - ANY CLOTHING, JEWELRY, OR OTHER ITEM WHICH IDENTIFIES A STUDENT AS A MEMBER OF A GANG
  - ROLLED OR PULLED UP PANT LEG(S)
  - OVER-SIZED CLOTHING, SAGGY, OR BAGGY PANTS
  - ANY MATERIAL THAT IS SHEER OR LIGHTWEIGHT ENOUGH TO SEE THROUGH
  - OVER-SIZED OR "NOISY" JEWELRY
  - MOUTH JEWELRY
  - CLOTHING WITH LOGOS BIGGER THAN 2"
  - SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS, SLIDES, CROCS, SLIPPERS, OR ANY SHOE THAT EXPOSES THE TOES OR HEEL
- School administration may make changes to the dress code during the school year if there is an article of clothing that is being worn that is a disruption to the learning environment. The school administration will first notify parents in writing that the changes are to be made. Students are expected to comply with changes that have been appropriately communicated.