







MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

General Guidelines: All students must be in the official school uniform on the first day of school and during each school day unless otherwise approved and communicated by the Administrator for a special occasion, e.g. casual day. All students enrolling during the school year must be in uniform within one day of attending school. In that unusual case, casual dress standards will be observed until the official school uniform is obtained.

We have a new uniform provider that just opened up in Arlington: EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS OF ARLINGTON (LL9, 2499 Harrison St., Arlington, VA 22207, Ph. 703-241-2021). You can go to the store or order online at: arlington.educationaloutfitters.com. Chapel uniforms, including ties, chapel jumpers and skirts may be purchased through EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS OF ARLINGTON or Flynn & O'Hara <https://www.flynnohara.com> (Fair City Mall) 9650 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 703 503-5966 (WOLCA'S pattern is Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid).

	Middle School Girls	Middle School Boys
Every Day (Except Chapel Day)		
Pants/Skirt 	Uniform Skirt with shorts under the skirt. The bottom hem of the skirt will not be above the middle of the back of the knee. OR Navy blue or Khaki pants OR Navy or Khaki walking shorts* , knee length and middle of back of knee (<i>*Sept.1 to Oct. 1 & March 1 thru June only for shorts</i>) and a polo shirt following the boy's code.	Navy Blue or Khaki , cotton twill, pleated or plain front pant ("Dockers" Style) . Back of pant leg may not touch the ground. Pants may not be more than 1 size larger than student's measured size. A black or brown belt must be worn at the waist (about 1" below the naval). OR Navy blue or Khaki pants OR Navy or Khaki walking shorts* , knee length and middle of back of knee (<i>*Sept.1 to Oct.1 & March 1 thru June only</i>)
Shirt 	White oxford cloth shirt , long or short sleeve. White, navy, red, or hunter green polo shirt, long or short sleeve. Only the topmost button may be unbuttoned. Shirts must be tucked at all times. This means that the belt or waistband of the pant or skirt must be clearly visible from the front. Undershirts must not be visible or have a sleeve length longer than uniform shirt.	White oxford cloth shirt , long or short sleeve. White, navy, red, or hunter green polo shirt, long or short sleeve. Only the topmost button may be unbuttoned. Shirts must be tucked at all times. This means that the belt must be clearly visible from the front. Undershirts must not be visible or have a sleeve length longer than a uniform shirt.
Sweater (Optional)	Navy Blue Cardigan only (No Coats, jackets or hoodies worn in class)	Navy Blue Cardigan only (No Coats, jackets or hoodies worn in class)
Stockings/Socks	Navy Blue or white socks or tights.	Navy Blue or white socks.
Shoes	Neat tennis shoes or brown or black dress shoes . Heels may not be more than 1" thick. No Boots.	Neat tennis shoes or brown or black dress shoes . No Boots.
CHAPEL DAY (MIDDLE SCHOOL) GRADES 6th – 8th		
Pants/Skirt 	Uniform Skirt with shorts under the skirt. The bottom hem of the skirt will not be above the middle of the back of the knee. No pants or shorts.  Girls Tie	Navy Blue or Khaki , cotton twill, plaited or plain front pant ("Dockers" Style) . Back of pant leg may not touch the ground. Pants may not be more than 1 size larger than student's measured size. A black or brown belt must be worn at the waist (about 1" below the naval). NO shorts.  Boys Tie
Shirt 	White oxford cloth shirt , long or short sleeve. Straight collar or "Peter Pan" collar must be buttoned to top. Shirts must be tucked at all times. This means that the belt or waistband of the pant or skirt must be clearly visible from the front. Undershirts must not be visible or have a sleeve length longer than uniform shirt.	White oxford cloth shirt , long or short sleeve. Collar must be buttoned to top. Shirts must be tucked at all times. This means that the belt must be clearly visible from the front. Undershirts must not be visible or have a sleeve length longer than uniform shirt.
Ties	Plaid Crisscross Tie or Boys Tie	Plaid Uniform tie must be worn all day.

Sweater (Optional)	Navy Blue Cardigan only (WOLCA logo optional) (No Coats, jackets or hoodies worn in class)	Navy Blue Cardigan only (WOLCA logo opt.) (No Coats, jackets or hoodies worn in class)
Stockings/Socks	Navy Blue or white socks or tights.	Navy Blue or white socks.
Shoes	Black or dark brown dress shoes . Except for medical reasons, shoes must be below the anklebone and heels may not be more than 1” thick. No Boots.	Black or dark brown dress shoes . Except for medical reasons, shoes must be below the anklebone and heels may not be more than 1” thick. No Boots.

Other Grooming Guidelines:

Girls:

- No head coverings (bandana, scarf, wraps, etc...)
- Hair must be neatly and naturally groomed (no fad, or extreme hair fashions, or colors)
- Make-up should be used modestly. Make-up, if worn, must be worn naturally
- Jewelry must not be distracting, or distasteful
- Visible piercings are confined to two earlobe piercing.
- No hoops or dangling earrings may to be worn.

Boys:

- No head coverings (bandana, rags, hats, etc.)
- Facial hair must be neatly trim and clean
- Hair must not be below the collar or ear lobe, must be naturally groomed (no fad, or extreme hair fashions, or colors)
- Sideburns should not be below the ear lobe
- No visible piercings

Other types of school uniforms worn, e.g., musical groups, athletic teams, cheerleaders (by groups representing the school) must have their uniform selection approved by the Administrator prior to being adopted as the official uniform of that group.

Physical Education: Only students in grades 5th and above wear official WOLCA PE uniforms for PE class. Purchase information for PE uniforms (e.g. www.arlington.educationaloutfitters.com) is available at Educational Outfitters. All students wear their regular school uniforms to school.

All students must wear tennis shoes on P.E. days. Girls must wear shorts or slacks under their dresses/skirts during PE (and shorts under their dresses/skirts during regular class time). Students dressing out for P.E. class wear regulation shorts, shirt, socks, and tennis shoes. WOLCA jogging outfits may be worn during PE class during the winter and can be purchased at **Educational Outfitters**. On Friday, gym clothes are to be taken home by each student to be laundered and returned on Monday.

Dress Code Violations: Obvious violation of the dress code ***will necessitate a student remaining in the office until the parents bring a change of clothing or take the student home until the dress code is met.*** Teachers should note violations of dress code standards and will provide counsel and warning as necessary for students. Areas of subjectivity are left to the discretion of the teachers and Administration. *Students bringing guests who do not attend this school should inform them of the dress expectations in our school environment. Anyone who is not dressed accordingly will be asked to leave.*

Summary: The WOLCA dress code is presented in detail so that our school families will have a clear understanding of the standards agreed to when students are enrolled in WOLCA. The intent of the standards is to **present a comfortable business casual instructional environment free from distractions and social pressures.** The school does not impose rules for students outside of school; rather the school recognizes parental authority and depends on parents to support the dress code by checking their children before school each day, encouraging older students to show responsibility and good judgment with their dress and personal grooming decisions, and monitoring the compliance to the uniform standards throughout the school year since the student may quickly outgrow uniforms.