



## Dress Code Policy at Wilson Preparatory Academy

Research has shown that uniforms aid in making a positive difference with behavior in a school environment. A school dress code is also important to school safety since students are often outside of the school facility and students in uniform are easily recognized by all school community members.

School uniforms are required for all students attending Wilson Preparatory Academy. All uniforms are to be neat, clean, and in good condition. Torn, tattered, or dirty uniforms are unacceptable.

Wilson Preparatory Academy students are to wear only school approved shirts and bottoms. Wilson Preparatory Academy has a contract with Lands' End for uniforms. Orders may be placed online at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)

### Dress Code Guidelines:

- It is recommended that shirts be tucked in grades K-4 but is not required. However it is required that shirts be tucked in grades 5-9 for our male scholars. Girl's shirts, grades K-9, are not required to be tucked in. Shirts that are untucked must have finished edges and be no more than 3 inches below the waist.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, and shirts are to be worn around the waist and are not to be lowered, rolled down, or under. Shorts, skorts, and skirts are not to have the hemlines shortened with length no shorter than fingertip length or 2 inches above the knee.
- Only white undershirts or WPA gym apparel are allowed under shirts.
- Only school approved sweaters or school sweatshirts are to be worn indoors during school hours. Approved hoodies that are purchased from Lands' End with logo may be worn in grades K-9.
- Belts must be black or brown, solid or braided leather. Belts must have plain, small buckles. Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts, and skirts with belt loops.
- Socks if worn, to be in solid white, navy, and black and may have small logos or thin colored band or trim. Tights with feet or footless tights may be worn in white, navy, black, brown and tan. Full length leggings may be worn under uniform skirts, skorts, shorts or pants from **October through March** in colors white, black, navy, brown, and tan.
- No sandals, flip flops, or platform shoes are allowed. Shoes must be closed toe/closed heel and neutral (solid white, navy, brown, gray, or black) in color. Please do not purchase neon, glitter, or light-up shoes for school. Shoes must be correctly laced and tied at all times. Plastic footwear is not recommended.



- Girl's Mary Jane's, boy's canvas shoes, top siders or sneakers are allowed. Slip on shoes, such as ballet flats, are permitted.
- Students may wear boots to school during the colder months only: ***October through March ONLY***. Boots must not have high heels, chains, spikes or spurs. Shoes must be correctly laced and tied at all times. Tennis shoes are still required for physical education 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.
- Male students hair should be neat and not in the face or below the collar. Male student's facial hair should be neatly trimmed at all times. No Mohawks or scalp designs are allowed.
- Ladies should only wear "post style" earrings. No "dangle" styles are accepted. Wear only one earring in each ear. Young men are not to wear earrings at any time.
- Necklaces are to be a minimum of 8 inches in length and should not be visible on the outside of clothing or around neck.
- No body piercing is to be displayed. No band-aids to cover body piercing will be permitted.
- Make-up should be held to a minimum and should not be applied while at school. No glitter on face or body. Black or navy colored fingernail polish is not allowed.
- Non-natural hair coloring is not permitted for young men or ladies. (ex. Orange, purple, red streaks, multicolor, or other non-natural hair colorings.)
- No sunglasses, hats or caps, visors or headgear of any kind are to be worn at any time on school grounds (this includes Physical Education and Recess!). Any violations will be confiscated and will not be returned until the last day of school.
- Uniforms are to be worn at all times! A change of clothing can occur only after school is dismissed **and** the student is off school grounds. A change of clothing is required for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up during Physical Education in approved school PE attire.
- Lands' End will continue to be our exclusive vendor for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Any issues or concerns with Lands' End, you may contact them directly at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)

As stated before, the dress code will be enforced. Please make sure that your child is in compliance each morning before coming to school. Wilson Preparatory Academy administration has the authority to determine whether or not an item is acceptable to dress code. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. If your family needs assistance with uniforms, let us know and WPA will be in communication with you.