

Dress Code • Philosophy

The Upper School Dress Code represents a visible link with traditions of the school that have contributed to its becoming the excellent institution it is today. Here, as in society at large, dress codes exist in forms that are appropriate to their environments. At a basic level, our dress code provides structure for our academic endeavors and minimizes the peer pressure and stress so often connected with dress issues. Our dress code does not presume to deprive any student of his or her individuality or personality; the way in which we dress symbolizes our unity of purpose and the equality of our educational opportunity within this community. In creating a standard for dress and appearance, we are trying to remove concerns about style, promote simplicity of enforcement for teachers, and offer clothing at a reasonable cost. While ongoing efforts are made to allow students to feel more comfortable, convenience and preference are not the only factors governing the school's dress code; our dress represents more than just "wearing apparel."

The guidelines to remember with regard to personal appearance and dress are neatness, appropriateness for a grade 9-12 environment, and reasonable standards of decency. One's appearance and dress reflect both on oneself and one's community. Webb sets some standards for personal appearance, grooming, and dress because we want students to distinguish between the special nature of the school environment and other more casual settings. Just as teachers require a standard for written and spoken English at school that may be different from the social and relaxed conversations that students enjoy with friends, Webb requires standards for personal appearance and dress that honor our academic environment.

• GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. A student's dress should always be clean, neat, presentable, and appropriate for our school's standards of decency and in keeping with its traditions. School clothes must be properly fitted and in good repair. Ripped, frayed, or torn clothing is not permitted.
2. Class attendance is a privilege that is dependent upon being in proper uniform. Students who are dressed inappropriately may not be admitted to class.
3. All students should be in uniform when they arrive on campus.

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Shirts, skirts, and kilts must be purchased from Lands' End, Tommy Hilfiger, Educational Outfitters, or the Webb School Wearhouse.

Boys

Khaki or Navy Pants - Pants may be purchased from the vendor of your choice but must be similar in color and style to the traditional khaki or navy items offered by Educational Outfitters, Lands' End, or Tommy Hilfiger. No tapered or blue jean-like pants. No rolling of pant legs.

Shirts - Long or short-sleeved white or blue oxford with a Webb logo above the pocket. Shirts may be purchased from Educational Outfitters, Lands' End or Tommy Hilfiger.

Ties - Boys must wear a long tie or bow tie with the dress shirt. All boys are required to purchase one school tie to wear on designated school days. This tie may be purchased from the Webb School Bookstore. Also, seniors may purchase a “senior tie” from the Webb School Bookstore.

Socks - Solid-colored socks must be worn with shoes and be visible. Short or crew socks in white, black, gray, or navy will be allowed with uniform shoes.

Belts - Belts are mandatory with pants. Webb logo, plain brown, or black leather belts will be allowed.

Girls

Khaki or Navy Pants - Pants may be purchased from the vendor of your choice but must be similar in color and style to the traditional khaki or navy items offered by Educational Outfitters, Lands’ End, or Tommy Hilfiger. No tapered or blue jean-like pants

Skirts - Skirts in khaki, navy, or the Webb plaid must be of *appropriate length at the discretion of Webb School*. Purchases may be made from Educational Outfitters, Lands’ End, or Tommy Hilfiger.

Blouses - Blouses must be buttoned to the top of the pocket. Blouses must be white or blue with the Webb logo above the pocket. Blouses may be purchased from Educational Outfitters, Lands’ End, or Tommy Hilfiger.

Socks - Socks or tights must be worn with shoes and be visible. Black or navy knee-high socks may be worn. Short or crew socks in white, black, gray, or navy will be allowed with uniform shoes. Solid, opaque tights or leggings may be worn in navy or black only. Leggings must extend to the ankle and be worn with socks. Socks must extend over the leggings. No patterns allowed on any socks, tights, or leggings.

Belts - Belts are mandatory with pants. Webb logo belt, plain brown or black leather belts will be allowed.

Shoes - Boys and Girls:

Sperry Topsiders: Boat shoes in leather and in black, brown, sand, gray, or taupe (no slip-ons)

Clark Wallabees: Beeswax, black, brown oily, sand suede, or taupe distressed

Merrell Jungle: Taupe, brown, or black (no slides allowed)

Loafers: Black or brown (penny or tasseled)

Dress shoes with laces: black or brown. MUST be approved by the Dean of Students (no heels allowed).

No moccasins or slippers allowed.

No Dr. Martens boots of any kind and/or shoes that are similar to Dr. Martens boots.

No cowboy boots.

WET WEATHER ONLY: Students may choose to wear “duck style” or black rain boots in place of regular school day shoes. No Dr. Martens boots or cowboy boots will be allowed on wet weather days.

Allowances can be made for medical necessity. Students will need written documentation provided by an orthopedist or podiatrist if allowances are to be made. In many cases, the Merrell brand has been approved as an alternative to tennis shoes.

Sweaters and Jackets

Sweater or Sweater Vest - Solid-colored, classic style V-neck, or cardigan sweaters (similar in color and style offered by Educational Outfitters, Lands' End, or Tommy Hilfiger) in navy, green, or gray may be worn.

Jackets - Solid-colored lightweight jackets or fleece may be worn.

Sweatshirts - Only Webb School sweatshirts are permitted to be worn during the school day. Exceptions for seniors will be announced by the Dean of Students. Webb sweatshirts, hooded and non-hooded, may be purchased from the Webb Bookstore or provided by Webb coaches, teachers, or other Webb team leaders. If a student wears a sweatshirt during the school day, the school shirt must be visible.

Guidelines for All Students

- All clothing must be appropriately sized, worn professionally, and in good repair. *(For example, hems of pants should not be frayed or torn, ties should be worn at the appropriate place in the collar, long-sleeved shirts are made to be buttoned at the cuff or sleeves rolled up, shoes should not be worn as slip-ons, shoes with laces should be tied.)*
- Cargo, corduroy, blue jean-style, skinny-leg, or tapered pants are not allowed.
- T-shirts or camisoles may be worn under collared shirts, must be white, and have no visible lettering or decorative trim. Undershirts may not extend below or above the uniform shirt.
- Short-sleeved shirts may not be worn with a long-sleeved t-shirt underneath. All oxford shirts must be tucked in.
- Allowances will be made for special articles of clothing relevant to a specific religious tradition or medical necessity. Parents should contact the Dean of Students for clarification.
- Students are to remain in uniform until the end of the school day OR until they leave campus.