

**Webb School of Knoxville
Code of Dress & Appearance
Middle School, 2021-2022**

The Webb Middle School uniform allows students to dress neatly and comfortably for the activities in which they engage during a normal school day. All students are expected to be in school uniform every day. We hope the student uniform will help diminish the sartorial competition and peer pressure that is frequent among younger adolescents. Webb's Middle School is a place where students should be confident that they are accepted for their character and personality, not for what they wear.

Special Update for 2021-2022:

The formerly instituted formal dress uniform requirement for Middle School is suspended for this school year. Please see below for this year's Code of Dress & Appearance.

All uniform shirts must be purchased from the following providers:

Educational Outfitters

<<http://knoxville.educationaloutfitters.com/find-my-school/webb-school-of-knoxville/>>

Tommy Hilfiger

<<http://www.globalschoolwear.com>>

Lands' End

<https://www.landsend.com/shop/school/S-ytp-xe8?cm_re=lec-_global-_glnv-school-_20160525-_txt>

Shirts, pants, skorts, skirts, and shorts also must be purchased from Educational Outfitters, Tommy Hilfiger, or Lands' End. Approved items are located on the Hilfiger site under the Middle School menu; Educational Outfitters has a list of all approved Middle School uniform items.

When purchasing uniform items, please consider that your child will probably **grow** during the school year. This is especially important for eighth graders, who sometimes have to purchase new clothing to meet the dress code with only a few months remaining in the Middle School. Clothing that is tight or short at the beginning of the school year will almost certainly be inappropriate months later. We acknowledge that, during the middle school years, students change physically at different rates; nevertheless, our goal remains for clothing to be modest, comfortable, and non-distracting.

The following guidelines pertain to BOTH girls and boys.

SHIRTS

- Navy, white, or hunter green polo purchased from Educational Outfitters or Tommy Hilfiger
- Light blue oxford cloth – short or long sleeves, in full length
- All shirts must be fully tucked inside pants/shorts/skirts/skorts.
- Shirts must be buttoned to the top of the pocket.
- No logos allowed other than the required Webb School “W”
- Collars must be buttoned if so designed.
- A plain white T-shirt may be worn under either type of shirt. Sleeves of an undershirt must not show.

SHORTS

- Solid navy or khaki, four (4)-inch minimum inseam, as indicated on the tag
- Solid navy or khaki Bermuda shorts. *Note: No walnut or dark khaki shorts.*
- No cargo or jean style; no two-tone flaps on pockets; no rivets, outside pockets, or outside stitching

PANTS

- Solid navy or khaki. *Note: No walnut or dark khaki pants.*
- No cargo or jean style; no two-tone flaps on pockets; no rivets, outside pockets, or outside stitching
- Slits or frayed hems are not permitted.

BELTS

- A belt must be worn.
- Webb School belt (purchased at Webb Bookstore) is encouraged.
- Solid leather belts in brown or black must be worn with shorts or pants that have loops.
- No metal is allowed, other than the buckle, and no buckle significantly wider than the belt.

SOCKS

- Solid white or black crew socks must be worn.
- Small logos of less than two (2) inches are allowed
- No stripes, dots, logos, etc.
- Socks must cover the bottom of tights or leggings for girls.

FOOTWEAR

- Athletic shoes with non-marking soles
- Black, brown, or cordovan classic-style flat loafers
- Lace-up dress or casual shoes
- Shoes must be in good repair; no tears or rips
- Shoes with laces must be tied properly at all times.

*The following footwear is **NOT** allowed for daily wear:*

- Slip-on or backless shoes
- Toms, Uggs, Crocs, or moccasin-styles
- Sandals, high-heels, or Western-style boots or ropers
- Sport-specific footwear (e.g., cleats) or non-traditional shoes (e.g., shoes with wheels)

WET WEATHER FOOTWEAR

On those days when there is a high probability for rain, students may choose to wear shoes made specifically for wet weather (both shoe and boot styles are acceptable). If students are unsure about the weather, they should bring appropriate school shoes.

OUTERWEAR

The only outerwear permitted in classrooms will be Webb School sweatshirts, fleeces, and sweaters purchased from the Webb Bookstore. Any brand or style of jacket may be worn outside the building; however, students must wear only approved outerwear once inside and in class.

TEAM WEAR

Members of a sports team may wear a customary jersey, T-shirt, or uniform component **on the day of competition only**. A solid white T-shirt must be worn under a tank top. Uniform bottoms must be worn.

The following guidelines pertain only to girls.

GIRLS SKIRTS & SKORTS

- Solid navy or khaki – Must be appropriate length for school and no shorter than fingertip length. *Girls are **required** to wear solid BLACK spandex or running shorts or full-length tights (black or navy) that reach the ankle under their skirts.*

The following appearance guidelines pertain to BOTH girls and boys.

HAIR

Webb School expects each student to avoid extremes of hair lengths, colors, or styles, including, but not limited to, mohawk and spike hair. More specifically, hair must be a natural human color, and this includes both tips and strands of hair.

PIERCING

With the exception of traditional earlobe piercing, Webb School does not permit students to have body piercings in the nose, ears, or other parts of the body that are visible and conspicuous. Nose rings, plugs, tunnels, gauges, stretches, septum rings, tongue rings/studs, eyebrow rings, lip/cheek rings, and belly button rings are not permitted to be visible during the school day, nor are they permitted when a student is representing Webb School as a participant in a school-sponsored event/conference.

TATTOOS

Students with permanent and/or temporary tattoos are not allowed to have either visible during the academic day.

The Dean of Students must approve any and all exceptions to the dress code. Alternative clothing will only be permitted on account of religious habiliment or with medical documentation from a podiatrist or orthopedist. Medical documentation must be resubmitted each school year.

NON-UNIFORM DAY DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

On occasion, students will be allowed to attend school out-of-uniform. These non-uniform days may be theme-oriented and will be announced in advance. If a student decides not to dress in the theme of the day, he/she must be in uniform attire.

- All clothing should be neat, clean, and in good repair. Rips, tears, and tattered items or items with holes are considered out of dress code.
- Clothing displaying political or offensive logos, labels, and phrases or suggesting sex, alcohol, drugs, or political statements is strictly off limits and not acceptable.
- Necklines should be no lower than an imaginary line between the tops of the armpits.
- Tank tops and dresses are only allowed if the strap is at least three fingers wide. Spaghetti straps and halter tops are not permitted.
- Sheer clothing and exposed midsections (front, back, or side) are unacceptable.
- All dresses and skirts must be at least to fingertip length. Shorts must be at least to thumb length.
- Shoes must be worn at all times, both indoors and outdoors.

- Baseball hats, knit hats, or hoods on sweatshirts are not permitted to be worn indoors unless part of a themed dress-out day. Religious head coverings are always permitted.
- On non-uniform days, students may wear ath-leisure to school, as defined by leggings, joggers, yoga pants, or athletic shorts, as long as they do not conflict with the rules above.