



## WLA School Uniform Policy

July 2, 2018

Greetings WLA Parents/Guardians!

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress in a uniformed manner for work.

It would be fair to say that, in the last few years, our uniform at Woodward Leadership Academy has become less uniform. We have had a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is important to clarify our expectations for students and parents. The WLA Board has adopted a uniform dress code policy which will be heavily enforced beginning this year. We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and support of this policy.

We worked towards some basic principles. Firstly, **we are not changing the uniform**, just giving better guidance over the parts of uniform. Secondly, we believe that the uniform should be practical and hard wearing and provide children with proper protection from the weather throughout the year. We may offer assistance to families who need help in obtaining items to meet our uniform policy. We will gladly accept donations of new and gently-used uniform items (tops and bottoms) for our in-house Uniform Bank.

Special days throughout the year may be designated as opportunities for students to wear clothing other than their school uniform. These days will be communicated to you by a member of the WLA staff.

We are sending this letter out now to give families ample notice of the requirement. **Short Sleeve Uniform Polo Shirts are currently available for purchase from the school office for \$10.00 each. You must pre-pay for your order.** If you have any questions about the implementation of this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying.

We look forward to your support in helping to unify our school community and we trust that the guidance attached makes things much clearer for everyone.

Sincerely,

WLA Administration Office

***ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM ITEMS ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER***

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Tops</b>	<p>Maroon polo shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve), embroidered with the WLA Logo</p> <p>*WLA Spirit tee shirts may be worn on specified days only</p>	<p>Maroon polo shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve), embroidered with the WLA Logo</p> <p>*WLA Spirit tee shirts may be worn on specified days only</p>	<p><i>Shirts are purchased from the WLA office</i></p> <p><i>During the cold weather season, white or black long sleeve turtleneck shirts may be worn <u>under</u> the short sleeved uniform polo</i></p>
<b>Bottoms</b>	<p>Khaki long pants -or- Khaki knee-length shorts</p>	<p>Khaki long or capri pants -or- Khaki knee-length skirt/skort -or- Khaki knee-length shorts</p> <p><i>*Shorts <u>must</u> be worn under skirts</i></p>	<p><i>Bottoms may be purchased from any vendor</i></p>
<b>Socks</b>	<p>Plain black or white socks</p>	<p>Plain black or white socks, knee socks, or tights</p>	<p><i>Socks must be worn daily</i></p>
<b>Shoes</b>	<p>Plain shoes that fully enclose the foot Hard shoes (dress) or soft shoes (sneakers) are okay</p>		<p><i>Shoes with wheels may not be worn</i></p>