

## WESTERLY LEARNING CENTER DRESS CODE

### Why does the WLC have a dress code, and what is it?

WLC has a dress code because we believe that as a Christian community, we should present ourselves in a manner that is appropriate and consistent with our faith. We do not want poor clothing choices to inhibit either education or community relationships. Students are asked to dress in a way that is suitable to learning. This means modest, neat, clean clothes that are in good repair and are not distracting to the class. This also means that the clothing is neither too tight (so that too much attention is drawn to the outline of the body) nor too loose (so that it is falling off). Hats may not be worn indoors except for special occasions and with prior instructor approval. Specifically then:

#### Girls' Dress Code

- **Dresses** may not be fitted too tightly so as to show curvature. No spaghetti straps are permitted. The necklines must be jewel, v-neck, turtleneck or collared and may not be any lower than four fingers below the collarbone. Dress length must be to the knee and may not have slits that open above the knee when seated.
- **Blouses** may not be fitted too tightly or be see-through. No tank tops or spaghetti straps are permitted. The necklines must be crew, jewel, v-neck, turtleneck or collared and may not be any lower than four fingers below the collar bone.
- **Slacks** must not be too tightly fitted. Leggings are not permitted at any time. No skin may show on the abdomen or lower back even when the arms are in the air. No underwear may be shown anywhere.
- **Shorts** are permitted to be worn in warmer weather. Bermuda-style shorts only are permitted (no short-shorts).

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- **Skirts** may not be fitted too tightly and must be to the knee. (No mini skirts with leggings). They may not have slits that open when seated. No underwear may show anywhere.
- **Shoes** Bare feet are not permitted at anytime, either inside or outside of building. Students should not wear high-heeled shoes as interior floors are polished and may be very slippery. During recess, shoes must be suitable activities (no flip-flops or mules). Closed-toe shoes are required for lab sciences.

### Boys' Dress Code

- **Pants** must be held at the waist—not dropping down. Underwear must not be visible at the top or bottom of pants or shorts.
- **Shirts** No tank tops, sleeveless shirts or cut-off shirts. T-shirts are permitted as long as they do not contain any sensual or violent pictures, drug-related illustrations or allusions, or any other slogans that anyone may find offensive.
- **Shorts** are permitted to be worn in warmer weather. Bermuda-style or cargo shorts only are permitted (no athletic shorts).
- **Shoes** Bare feet are not permitted at anytime, either inside or outside of building. During recess, shoes must be suitable for activities (no flip-flops). Closed-toe shoes are required for lab sciences.

The dress code will be strictly enforced. Any student breaking the dress code will be told to cover up. If they are unable to change their clothes they will either wear the cover-up provided or have a parent called in to take the student home to change. The dress code will be maintained on field trips unless students are instructed otherwise.