

WAHA Dress Code and Etiquette

Dress Code: Neat, Clean, and Modest

The goal of these rules and guidelines is to provide a healthy, wholesome, non-distracting environment for all. Our guiding principle is Philippians 2:3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition and vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” So, if you’re not sure if you are dressed appropriately, in the interest of others, please wear something else. Our goal is simply to honor God, our parents, and show respect for our fellow students. Thank you for your support.

Recommended Attire: Nice casual. What used to be referred to as “dressing for church” would be wonderful. Do we have any students that want to be leaders and dress better than the minimum acceptable standards? Shirts with collars are preferred. Skirts and casual dresses are good. On the “most casual allowable” side are khakis, good jeans, nice sweatshirts and hoodies. ‘Droopy drawers’ jeans not allowed. No sweat pants for guys or girls. We would prefer students not wear t-shirts, but we allow unusually nice t-shirts. Graphic tees may be a problem depending on the message.

Neat and Clean: No ‘fashionable’ holes or tears in jeans or other clothing. Dress shoes, sports shoes, and sandals are allowed. Shoes must be tied. Flip-flops are not allowed. Guys, don’t wear clothes out of the laundry hamper. The ‘big, baggy look’ is discouraged. Look good, smell good :)

Modest:

Ladies:

Dresses/skirts must be clearly below the knee. No slits reaching above the knee.

No sleeveless tops, no spaghetti straps, no cleavage, no tight fitting or unusually clingy clothing.

No shorts, except in gym class. No tight jeans unless a long sweater covers the seat. We do understand that girls have different body types, and we make some allowance for that fact.

No visible underwear or midriffs even when arms are raised. This makes ‘low-rise’ jeans a problem for most girls, most of the time. If your shirt covers your beltline at all times, we don’t need to know if your pants are normal or low-rise. Dresses and skirts eliminate this problem!

Girls are allowed to wear single earrings for each ear. No excessive jewelry, no piercings, no unnatural colored hair (green, blue, rainbow, etc.).

Gentlemen:

If we can see your underwear, you need a belt. Sorry, no shorts, except for gym class.

Gentlemen may not wear earrings. Same hair restrictions as the ladies.

All dress code decisions are subject to the discretion of the dress code monitor and/or Mr. or Mrs. Lankford. Their decisions are final. Although we strive for fairness and consistency, we will not be perfect. Remember, the goal is not legalistic perfection on either side. The goal is honor, respect, and consideration for others. Thanks for your support and participation in this.

Student Etiquette: Honor and Respect for others

Gentlemen – Take the opportunity to open doors, offer your seat when appropriate, and carry heavy items for the ladies. Remember, ladies first!

Ladies – Expect the guys to act like gentlemen and give them every encouragement to demonstrate.

All students – There will be absolutely no coarse talk, or “cursing” or misusing the Lord’s name. Adults will be addressed using the titles: “Mr., Mrs., or Miss.” Students are to show the utmost respect for all adults at all times. This includes moving out of the way when adults are walking through a hallway or doorway and responding promptly and politely when spoken to. Please pick up after yourself, especially after eating.