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# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## 2019-2020 OFFICIAL DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY

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### 2019-2020 Uniform Policy Changes and Updates:

- Only Khaki bottoms/WHS plaid skirt on Monday through Thursday;
- Black bottoms eliminated from uniform Monday through Thursday;
- Black bottoms are allowed on Friday/Spirit Days only; must be uniform-style bottoms or black jeans
- Blue jeans also permitted on Fridays/Spirit Days; frayed, torn jeans must be lined to cover skin;
- Crewneck sweatshirt reduced from \$20 to \$15
- New uniform options with official Westside logo:
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sweatshirt (also \$15)
  - White full-zip nylon warm-up jacket
  - Westside Spirit Jacket; (program directors; head coaches may coordinate adding customization of organizational name on jacket with admin approval!)
- Game day apparel, individual club/org pullovers, sweatshirts, jackets, and shirts will be not be allowed Mon-Thurs; they are permitted on Friday/Spirit Days only;
- Hoodies are never permitted as they can obscure a person's identity, includes outdoor areas during lunch (courtyard/pavillion). Hoodies will be confiscated and held for parent pick-up or student can pick up the following Friday;
- Solid black tee shirts, jackets, pullovers, sweatshirts of any kind are not part of the uniform



#### WHY UNIFORMS?

Campus security is our most important responsibility to families and staff. With 52 acres of property and an architectural challenge of monitoring 70+ doors to the building, a uniform policy provides positive leverage over a free dress policy. SDMC developed the policy with three tenants in mind:

- > **Economical and Accessible** for all families. Uniforms are purchased through the Westside school store to avoid retail mark up. Our school store is not a fundraiser. A referral process through our social workers and student support center may assist families in crisis;
- > **Simple and Consistent.** Clearly communicated expectations and consequences which are enforced both equitably and consistently across the campus; our aim is a simple, clear, and easy policy for students and teachers to implement.
- > **Student Voice:** While safety is a non-negotiable, our students are valued stakeholders; Westside students designed the original logo, and variations of style, color options, materials are driven by student survey data.

\*\*\*\*\*See end of document for consequences of violating campus policy\*\*\*\*\*

## OFFICIAL WESTSIDE UNIFORM, MONDAY-THURSDAY:

### Tees/Polos with School Logo:

- Students are required to wear the official Westside uniform t-shirt or polo
- Students must wear the official uniform tee or polo, even when wearing a uniform jacket or sweatshirt. Temperatures vary and students must remain in compliance after removing jacket or sweatshirt
- Westside t-shirts and polos are purchased from the school store; no options from outside retailers



\$10 Short Sleeve Tee



\$12 Long Sleeve Tee



\$15 Polo

## Sweatshirts/Jackets with School Logo:

- Purchase a sweatshirt in August—A/C can be cold and your child will need it immediately!
- The official Westside uniform sweatshirts and jackets are purchased from the School Store; no options from outside retailers
- Westside sweatshirts and jackets are worn over uniform shirts, not instead of a uniform shirt

**No hoodies allowed!**

Hoodies will be confiscated and returned on the following Friday or may be picked up by parent.



\$35 White Nylon Warm-Up



\$35 Westside Spirit Jacket

Option to add program/org name by Directors/Head with admin approval



20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sweatshirt

Coming Soon!



\$15 Crewneck Sweatshirt



\$25 Black Quarter-Zip



\$30 Royal Fleece

### Outdoor/Cold or Severe Weather Jackets with School Logo:

- The black full-zip official Westside uniform logo jacket is available from the School Store;
- The official Westside letterman jacket is purchased from HISD-authorized vendor; eligibility is required
- Other personal winter-related outerwear such as winter coats, heavy-duty outerwear or blankets may be worn outside the building but must be removed before entering the building; they cannot be worn in classrooms at any time;

#### **No hoodies allowed!**

Hoodies will be confiscated and returned on the following Friday or may be picked up by parent.



\$45 Black Full-Zip Jacket

Lightweight; keeps warmth to 30 degrees!



Official Letterman

(UIL eligibility requirements; HISD vendor)

### Pants, Shorts and Skirts/Skorts:

- Students must wear uniform-style bottoms in khaki only, including pants, jeans, shorts, skirts/skorts
- An optional official plaid skirt is available and can be pre-ordered through the vendor (<http://custompromostore.com/westside/>).
- Solid color navy, black, gray, white, royal blue tights/leggings may be worn under skirts, shorts
- No workout/athletic-wear including gym shorts, warm-ups, track pants
- No rips, tears, frays, holes, embellishments or cut-offs
- Leggings are not bottoms, no excessively loose or tight clothing. Pants/shorts may not fall below the waistline (no sagging)
- Skirts, skorts, and shorts may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee; biker shorts recommended under skirts



## Headwear, Accessories and Miscellaneous:

- No bandana-print of any kind may be worn
- Headbands less than 1-inch wide are permitted
- No wraps, hats, caps, visors, scarves, durags, wave caps, skull caps, nor headbands wider than 1-inch; coaches/directors determine policy during practice/competition.
- Religious head coverings are permitted
- Accessories including shoes, socks, bags, backpacks, etc., must not display offensive graphics, symbols or language



## FRIDAYS/LAST DAY OF WEEK/ OR DESIGNATED SPIRIT DAYS

### Spirit Day Shirts and Jackets:

In addition to normal uniform shirts and jackets, students may wear an official Westside-sponsored club or organization spirit shirt/jacket with a Westside logo, a "W", or Westside name imprinted. Must be base color of black, royal, white, or gray.

### Bottoms:

In addition to normal khaki colored uniform-wear, on Fridays/Spirit Days, students may wear:

- Blue and Black Jeans, and Black Uniform-Style Bottoms, including pants, shorts, skirts/skortss
  - No sweatpants, track pants, athletic pants/shorts, gym shorts nor leggings
  - Tears and frays are acceptable only if there is a lining and no skin is showing
  - No embellishments or cut-offs
  - No excessively loose or tight clothing, no sagging

Last Chance!

The black option for pants and shorts is now limited to Fridays-only due to lack of compliance. If violations of wearing track pants, gym shorts and leggings continue, the black option will be eliminated entirely.

## STUDENT SCHOOL ID

The school ID must be worn around the student's neck at all times. IDs may not be shared, borrowed, or defaced to obscure the photo.

## Consequences for Non-Compliance with Westside Uniform Policy

Our vision is to know students personally, provide individual coaching, direction, and rigorous academic instruction, and help students and families find a place to belong at Westside. The uniform policy is designed to allow teachers, deans, and staff members to focus their attention on providing our Wolves with the best high school experience possible. We rely on our Westside families to take responsibility for ensuring their child is in the proper uniform, so we keep the main thing, *the main thing*. Our social workers and Student Support Center Resources and supports are available for families in crisis. Students and staff expect fairness and consistency. Students who willfully or repeatedly disregard the uniform policy are subject to the following disciplinary consequences:

Students who are out of uniform will not be admitted to class. The parent will be notified, and the student will be held under administrator supervision until the student complies with the policy. Students are required to be in uniform prior to entering the building: Per the HISD Code of Conduct, “Failure to abide by school’s mandatory uniform policy” is a Level II Offense:

Level II: Consequences include the following depending on frequency and manner:

- Detention (same day); parent notification provided accurate contact information is on file;  
Referral to Student Support Center
- In-School Suspension
- Lowered student conduct grade on report card; grade is used for club/org selection; leadership; membership; internships, etc...
- Referral to Student Support Center;
- Loss of off-campus lunch privileges;
- Required Administrator/Parent/Student Conference

Level III Offense: A student’s responsibility is to communicate respectfully with staff at all times. Student display of disrespect toward staff related to uniform policy will escalate disciplinary consequences to a Level III Offense:

- Immediate In-School Suspension or Off Campus Suspension
- Required Administrator/Student/Parent Conference upon return
- Student’s conduct grade will be lowered if incident occurs in classroom setting;
- Student will lose privileges, such as off-campus lunch, leadership selection, etc.

Should a student fail to return “borrowed” uniform items he/she will be assessed a \$5.00 fee;

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following Friday or may be  
picked up by parent.

## FAQs

Q1: Student has their uniform in their backpack just in case he/she is addressed by a staff member. Will the student receive a detention for being out of uniform?

A1: Yes. Students are required to wear the uniform, not simply have it with them. Consequence = Detention (same day)

Q2: What happens if a student wears a hoodie to school, removes it at entry, then puts it on elsewhere in the building?

A2: The student would be required to give the hoodie to the teacher or staff member and be assigned detention that day. The student can retrieve the hoodie on the following Friday or the parent can pick it up from the dean's office after school.

Q3: A student stayed with family members over the weekend and realizes he/she does not have a uniform to wear. What can he/she do to avoid a disciplinary consequence?

A3: The student may visit their dean's office to find a temporary solution and may avoid disciplinary action.

Q4: What should I do when faced with a family or situational crisis that may affect my child's ability to comply with the school uniform policy?

A4: The parent or student is encouraged to contact his/her dean, social worker, school nurse or check in with the Student Support Center so that we can work together on a resolution for the issue.