

## **JICA—Student Dress**

### **Appearance Affects Learning**

It is the intent of White Pine Charter School to provide a safe educational environment that is conducive to learning. Students' appearance affects safety as well as the learning environment. Therefore, compliance with the dress standard is mandatory and students are expected to arrive at school, neat in appearance and wearing the approved uniform. Violations will result in disciplinary action against the student.

### **Uniform Requirements**

#### 1. Clothing

- a. Logos are not acceptable on students' attire, except when it is the school's logo of a cougar or white pine trees with the school's name on a piece of clothing purchased only through the school.
- b. Approved colors and style
  - i. Bottom
    1. The color for the bottom of the uniform shall be khaki or navy blue. The style includes tailored cotton or cotton/poly blend pants, Capri pants, shorts, skorts, jumpers, or skirts.
    2. No denim material in any color may be worn.
    3. The length of the shorts, skorts, jumpers, and skirts cannot be shorter than three inches above the knee.
    4. Knit leggings may be worn under jumpers, skirts, and skorts. They must be in basic colors of brown, black, or tan in coordinating solid colors of the school uniform. Leggings may not be worn separately.
    5. Plaid is acceptable only when it is "Hamilton Plaid" from Dennis Uniforms or "Red and Navy" plaid from French Toast.
  - ii. Top
    1. The color for the top of the uniform shall be a solid navy blue, light blue, red, or white. Examples of acceptable tops include cotton/poly blends, Oxford, Polo, turtlenecks, or blouses. All shirts must have a collar.
    2. Cardigan or pullover sweaters and vests may be crew neck or v-neck and must be solid navy blue, light blue, red, or white. They must be worn with a collared shirt underneath.
    3. No denim may be worn.
    4. Shirts may be short or long sleeved.
    5. Sleeveless shirts will not be allowed.
    6. Sweatshirts purchased only through the school bearing the school logo are acceptable dress code attire when worn with a collared shirt.
- c. Shoes, Socks, and Belts

- i. Shoes must be enclosed and must be primarily brown, black, blue, or white. Lights, characters, plaids, or prints are not acceptable. Logos shall be small and inconspicuous.
          - ii. Socks or tights must be worn as part of the uniform. They must be brown, black, white, red, tan, navy blue, or light blue.
          - iii. Belts are optional. Belts must be in basic colors of black, brown, or navy leather or leather-like material. Belts must be fitted such that no part of the belt hangs below the beltline.
        - d. Outerwear
          - i. Outerwear worn for warmth outside is not considered part of the uniform and must be removed while inside.
          - ii. Middle school students may wear hoodies in class that are a solid red, white, or blue in color and must be free of all logos. The hoods shall not be worn inside the school. Shirts must still be tucked into the pants.
          - iii. Snow boots must be exchanged for approved shoes while inside.
        - e. Accessories
          - i. Girls' hair accessories may be gold, silver, or in any solid color of the approved uniform.
          - ii. Pocket chains, hats, and sunglasses may not be worn.
          - iii. Jewelry is limited to post/stud or smaller than 1 inch earrings, one watch, and one ring.
2. Appearance
  - a. Students must arrive at school clean and neat in appearance.
  - b. Shirts must be tucked into the pants at all times.
  - c. Uniforms must be the correct size and not worn out. Oversize clothing or "low-riding" pants, skirts, or skorts are inappropriate.
  - d. Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate at White Pine Charter School. Hair must be of a natural color and hairstyles must not be disruptive.
  - e. Makeup is not allowed in K-5. Makeup is permitted in sixth through eighth grades.
  - f. The Administrator will make the final decisions regarding hair and apparel considered inappropriate, dangerous, or distracting from the learning environment.

### **Enforcement Procedure**

- The administration, in conjunction with classroom teachers, will enforce the dress standard and uniform policy.
- Parents will be notified of violations and asked to bring proper articles of clothing to school. Students will remain at the office until appropriate attire is brought to school.
- Repeated offenses will result in a conference with parents. Further disciplinary action may be taken if necessary.
- The dress standard can be waived for individual student pictures.

- “Theme days” will be held throughout the year and students will have the option to be dressed with the selected theme on these days. The Administrator will notify parents of approved dates and themes.
- Uniforms for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or sports teams are not allowed, with the exception of participation in a “Theme Day.” Uniforms may be brought to school and changed into after school.