

**West Gate K-8
Dress Code
2020-2021**

We encourage students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students are to dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the safety, health, and welfare of self and others, and does not disrupt the learning environment. **Appropriateness of dress shall be determined by the school administration** per Governing Board Policy. If there is a dress code violation, he/she will be allowed to change clothing and/or will be subject to disciplinary action.

Dress Code Appropriate

Collared Shirts, blouses and t-shirts/masks

1. Patterned and solid collared shirts are permitted.
2. All shirts must have sleeves and no more than 2 buttons unfastened.
3. West Gate T-shirts are permitted Monday-Friday.
4. College/Military Shirts are permitted on Wednesdays.

Shirts do not need to be tucked in while on campus.

*****See Addendum for Masks Below*****

Pants/Jeans/Capris- Pants/jeans must be securely fastened above the hip bone. Shorts must extend beyond the fingertips. Leggings are allowed only when worn under fingertip length skirts or dresses. Joggers are allowed, but only the approved style and fabrics shown on the West Gate home page. Pants, shorts, skirts, and leggings may be patterned.

Belts are optional unless the pants fall below the hip.

Skirts, Skorts, Shorts and Dresses Shorts, skirts, and dresses must extend beyond the fingertips or longer. Dresses may be patterned and have an appropriate V-neck or scoop-neck, however cannot be revealing. Dresses do not have to have a collar; however, they must have sleeves and be loosely fitted.

Shoes- must be closed toe with back straps. Heels must be 1 inch or less. PE: Tennis shoes/sneakers must be worn during Physical Education class.

Jackets/Sweatshirts/Sweaters -

Properly fitting cardigans, sweatshirts, sweaters, and pullovers/hoodies are allowed.

(Out of dress code outerwear must be put in book bag when entering a classroom or building.)

A collared shirt or West Gate t-shirt must be worn underneath all outerwear.

Jewelry: Earrings and studs can be worn on the ears only. All other jewelry is permitted but must not pose a threat to health or safety.

Head Attire: Headbands (non- distracting) must be worn on top of head and not on forehead.

Not Permitted

Hats (unless outside for recess or PE)
Spiked jewelry or chains on clothing
Sunglasses unless administrative approval is given.
Inappropriate make-up (i.e. gothic and punk)
Items made of spandex, excessively tight, see-through, or fishnet material
Sweatpants or yoga pants
Clothes that have holes, rips, or tears
Clothing, school bags or accessories that promote drugs, tobacco, alcohol or violence are not permitted.
Pajamas or house slippers
Kerchiefs, caps, hats, bandanas, doo-rags, sweatbands, or similar items. Combs or hair accessories that resemble a weapon are not allowed on campus.
Hoods are not to be worn on the head.
Oversized clothing items including pants, sweaters or pull-over sweatshirts or hoodies

Disciplinary Action/Consequences

The following may occur in any order as determined by the disciplinary officer.

- Verbal warning and opportunity to correct dress code
- Parent contact
- Conference with administration
- Lunch detention
- Loss of privileges
- Confiscated items

**Repeated violations could result in more serious consequences as outlined in the student code of conduct.*

Due to rapid changes in our society, it may become necessary to modify the dress code or to include additional items at the judgement of administration.

****State Law – Each student is prohibited from, while on school grounds during the regular school day, wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or in a manner that disrupts the orderly learning environment. A student who violates this dress policy will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions as outlined by the Code of Conduct.**

****Addendum for Masks****

Who Wears a Mask or face covering?

Masks or face coverings must be worn on all buses. A disposable mask will be provided for a student who forgets their mask or face covering. All students, staff, visitors and vendors will be required to wear a mask or face covering unless an approved exemption applies or social distancing can be maintained.

CDC guidance provides that people should wear face masks in public settings to reduce the spread of COVID-19, where other social distancing measures are hard to maintain. Everyone (visitors, vendors, parents, onsite counselors, employees, students) must wear a face mask in public areas and shared spaces. (Updated 7.29.20)

Exemptions

The following exemptions apply: people eating or drinking; people for whom a face covering would cause an impairment due to an existing health condition (requires a doctor's note); people observing social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines; people who need to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired and needs to see the person's mouth to communicate; persons participating in recess and physical education classes while maintaining social distancing; people receiving health care or undergoing a health care examination. Also, infants under two years old who visit campus are not required to wear a mask.

Guidelines

Personal face masks must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Must cover the nose and mouth to maintain effectiveness.
- Must be secured to minimize the need to adjust frequently.
- Face coverings shall not contain any offensive words or graphics. This includes, but is not limited to, words or graphics that promote violence, drugs, alcohol, sex, or other offensive or objectionable behavior or could be disruptive to the school or school facility. (Updated 7.23.20)
- Do not need to be medical grade.
- Should be worn prior to entering a building and in shared areas of the building when social distancing is not possible.
- Cloth face coverings should not be worn if they are wet. (Updated 7.29.20)
- Have a plastic bag to store the mask in when not wearing it. Do not leave the mask lying around. (7.29.20)
- Never swap face coverings with someone else. Consider writing initials on masks to identify them.
- Commercially produced or home-made face coverings are acceptable for compliance. Face coverings should be made of a solid cloth material or other suitable solid material. It may not be made of lace, mesh or other largely porous material. The principal shall have final authority to determine the suitability of any face covering. (Updated 7.22.20)
- Must be disposed of in waste containers only

How to Remove a Mask or Face Coverings

Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask.

Avoid touching the front of the mask. Touch only the ear loops. The front of the mask is contaminated.

Hold both ear loops and gently lift and remove the mask.

When Should I Wear My Mask?

You must wear a mask when on school grounds and wear your mask to enter and ride the school bus. You must wear your mask when transitioning between classes.

You must wear your mask at school until a staff member has decided there enough social distance for students to remove the mask for a while. Under no circumstances may you leave a disposable mask on the ground or in any other place than a trash can after using the mask or if it breaks. You do not have to wear a mask when eating or drinking at breakfast or lunch.

You do not have to wear a mask when receiving medical care or in a medical emergency.

You do not have to wear a mask while playing a musical instrument, performing or rehearsing a choral or theatrical performance. You still must wear a mask when singing of the National Anthem, school alma maters, or songs performed by students, employees or visitors not engaged in a planned choral or theater class.

You must wear a mask when staying for extra-curricular activities.

Students who refuse to wear a mask will be removed from class and may be administratively reassigned to an alternative learning environment off-campus.