



Uniform Policy

(PAGES 23–26 IN THE FAMILY HANDBOOK)

Uniform Policy

Uniforms are worn at Westerly to ensure that students are focused on learning and healthy social interactions on the school campus rather than clothing. All Westerly students are expected to wear a uniform to school Monday–Thursday.

Kindergarten students are required to bring in an extra change of clothes which will be stored in their classroom. If accidents occur during the school day, students will have access to their extra uniforms. In the event a student borrows a uniform, notification is sent home and families are asked to wash and return loaner uniform within one week.

The days below have been designated as uniform optional. If a student does not participate in the theme of the day, they are required to wear their Westerly uniform.

Spirit Wednesday: Students have the option of wearing a Westerly “spirit” shirt with their uniform bottom.

Friday: Free–dress day

Spirit Days: Upon administrative approval, various spirit days (Halloween, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day) will be available throughout the year allowing free or themed dress attire.

Students who come to school out of uniform will be subject to the school’s discipline procedures outlined in the Family Handbook.

*Please note that any Non–Westerly logos on any articles of clothing are not permitted except for logos smaller than 1 square inch. This does not apply to Free Dress Friday.

Student Uniforms:

Bottoms:

- Khaki or navy colored:
 - Capri
 - Long pants
 - Shorts (appropriate school length)
 - Leggings
 - Skirts (appropriate school length)
 - Skorts (appropriate school length)
- Students may not wear:
 - Denim as part of their daily uniform

- Sweatpants
- Pajama bottoms or leisure wear
- Baggy or sagging pants/shorts
- Pants or shorts that reveal undergarments

One piece:

- Khaki or navy colored:
 - Jumper
 - Dress
 - Romper
 - Overalls (with top)
- Students may not wear:
 - Denim as part of their daily uniform

Tops:

- Navy, heather-gray, or white colored:
 - Polo shirt (with or without the approved Westerly logo)
 - Collared shirt
- Students may not wear:
 - T-shirts with no collar
 - Midriff showing shirts (should not be exposed with routine movement)
 - Shirts with graphics
 - Tank tops or sleeveless shirts
 - Tops that reveal undergarments
 - Denim as part of their daily uniform

Outerwear:

- Navy or heather-gray colored:
 - sweatshirt with or without the logo
 - sweater (crewneck, hooded, V-neck, or cardigan) with or without the logo
- Any color/material coat or jacket but must be removed in the classroom.
- Baseball caps and beanies but must be removed in the classroom.
- Students may not wear:
 - Sweatshirts or sweaters with graphics

Footwear:

- Any color closed-toe shoes, which fit firmly to the foot
 - Tennis shoes which tie or Velcro
 - Loafers
 - Mary Jane style shoes
 - Boots with rubber soles
 - Ballet flats with rubber soles
- Socks of any height or color
- Students may not wear:
 - Uggs
 - Cowboy boots
 - “beach-type” footwear such flip flops, sandals or Crocs
 - Shoes without socks

Physical Education (Grades 4 – 8):

Students in grades 4–8 are required to change into a PE uniform before participating in physical education class. Students are provided with one PE uniform. Additional PE uniforms may be purchased through our online store. The required uniform is as follows:

- Navy blue mesh shorts
- Navy or khaki athletic leggings
- Heather-gray basic tee (short sleeved)
- Westerly logo t-shirt

- Heather-gray or navy sweatshirt – *optional*
- Navy blue or gray sweatpants – *optional*
- Athletic shoes with socks

Dress Code

Spirit Wednesday (Optional):

- The “W” signature shirt or any Westerly shirt – must be worn with uniform bottoms
- Spirit Wear may be purchased through our online store.
- Students may not wear:
 - Non-Westerly t-shirts will not be allowed on Wednesdays.
 - Non-uniform bottoms

If a student chooses not to wear spirit wear, they must wear their standard uniform.

Free Dress (Optional): Fridays are non-uniform days and students may wear “free dress.” Throughout the school year, other “free dress” days may be designated by the Administration.

The School asks students and parents/guardians to use good judgment so that free dress is appropriate and is not a distraction.

- Jeans
- T-shirts with appropriate graphics
- Tank tops or sleeveless shirts that do not reveal undergarments
- Ripped jeans that are school appropriate with no skin exposure above the thigh
- Jean shorts that are school appropriate
- Middle School students may wear Crocs
- Students may not wear:
 - Midriff showing shirts (should not be exposed with routine movement)
 - Shirts with inappropriate graphics
 - Tops that reveal undergarments
 - Pajamas
 - Shoes
 - Uggs
 - Cowboy boots
 - “beach-type” footwear such flip flops or sandals
 - Crocs (except for Middle School)
 - Shoes without socks

Field Study/Trips: On field study days, students may be asked to wear a Westerly t-shirt or uniform unless instructed otherwise by their classroom teacher or field study coordinator.

Music & Theater Performances: The School expects students to dress appropriately for music and theater performances. Look for information from your child’s music or homeroom teacher and Wildcat Weekly before the event.

Where to Purchase Uniforms:

School uniforms may be purchased at any retail establishment that carries school uniform clothing, including: Target, Macy’s, Children’s Place, JCPenney, Old Navy, Kohl’s, etc.

Below you will find information on vendors who embroider our school logo on uniforms purchased from their online store.

Lands’ End Uniform Information – For those families who wish to order from Lands’ End, you can call 1-800-469-2222 or order online. The preferred school number is 900064080 . They have a list of all authorized uniform components from which you may choose, they also donate 3% of all purchases to Westerly. Please note that the color “navy” is stated as classic navy, which is correct. Lands’ End has our school logo on file.

French Toast Uniform Information – French Toast is an online option available for parents/guardians. To order, please visit their website and enter Westerly’s school code Q5WDWD or simply follow the prompts to access the school code.

Red Eye Media – PE Uniforms and Spirit Wear may be purchased through our online store with Red Eye Media.

You may also purchase used uniforms through the WPA for a nominal fee. During the school year, the WPA collects gently used school uniforms and maintains an inventory of clothing. Used uniform sales are held periodically through the school year. Please contact the WPA for information.

Uniform Corrective Action Steps

Teachers are encouraged to address non-adherence of uniform with the student or parent as appropriate. If the student continues to wear non-uniform clothing, the Assistant Head of School should be notified.

Students arriving to school out of uniform will be directed to administration. If available, students will be provided appropriate uniform attire which must be returned the following day. Families may be charged if the uniform is not returned. If no appropriate uniform is available, parents/guardians may be called to bring a uniform to school.

First offense – Verbal reminder (*K-3 students will also have an email sent home*)

Second offense – Email home reminding families of Uniform Policy and provide notice of continued offense

Third offense and up – Parent/Guardian Conference and loss of campus privilege including, but not limited to loss of Spirit Day, Free Dress Day, or lunch/recess.

School Day Schedule

During 2022-23, Westerly will have staggered school hours.

Grade Level	School Hours	Drop-off	Pick-up
Kindergarten – 3 rd Grade	M–Th: 8:10am – 2:50pm Fri: 8:10am – 1:20pm	7:55am – 8:05am	M–Th: 2:55pm – 3:05pm Fri: 1:25pm – 1:35pm
4 th – 8 th Grade	M–Th: 8:20am – 3:05pm Fri: 8:20am – 1:35pm	8:05am – 8:15am	M–Th: 3:10pm – 3:25pm Fri: 1:40pm – 1:55pm

All students are given a mid-morning snack break, and a 40 minute period for lunch and lunch recess.

Early Arrival

The School is open to students at 7:40am. Students will be supervised at no charge until 8:05am when classrooms are opened.

Pick-Up Procedures

For the 2022–23 school year, Westerly will utilize a Valet Pick-up process for dismissal. A coned area will be set up in the parking lot where parents/guardians can drive up to the curb and Westerly staff will assist your child to the car. Parents/Guardians will remain in their car during this process.

Procedure

Please arrive during your designated pick-up time. For families with different age students, please arrive at the oldest child’s dismissal time. Younger siblings will be supervised during the time before their older sibling is picked up.

- **Have your name placard in the window of your car**
- Pull forward into the coned area following the directions of Westerly staff
- Do not pull in front of any vehicles in the coned area to fill in spaces. Westerly staff will be directing traffic flow.
- Westerly staff will assist your child to the car