



Box 1501, 7324 Kirkpatrick Way
Whistler, BC, V8E 0E8
Phone: 604 932-1885
Fax: 604 932-1876
info@whistlerwaldorf.com
www.whistlerwaldorf.com

Whistler Waldorf School Logo and Dress Code Policy

Our school environment is one where we wish to encourage and nurture reverence and a strong relationship to the living images and ideas that the Waldorf curriculum strives to provide. We value the importance of warmth, comfort, neatness and simplicity and ask that the clothing the students wear to school reflect these values.

Our aim is to provide a classroom and learning environment that is free from distraction and unnecessary visual noise and which is conducive to allowing the inner imagination and individuality present within each student to flourish under the guidance of their teachers.

Our intention is to inspire individual creativity and expression and to create and nurture a healthy learning environment by limiting visual distractions and excessive marketing messages, whilst maintaining a spirit of expression and openness around dress.

More Context

In the 2018-2019 school year, the principal worked with the faculty and the Grade 12 students to review the school dress code and logo policy. This policy reflects that collaborative work.

Goals

1. A non-discriminatory dress code
2. Awareness of striving to meet the developmental needs of all students in the school
3. A policy that is easy and clear to implement without too much ambiguity
4. Preservation of student teacher relationships

Dress Code

1. Students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. If physical health or safety is at risk (at teacher's discretion), teacher's may ask students to change their clothes, or may provide alternative wear.
2. At school festivals and concerts teachers may request students to wear certain clothing.
3. Hats may be worn indoors, at the teacher's discretion, in high school ONLY. Individual teacher's wishes are to be respected. Logos or script on hats are not bigger than two fingers in length or width.
4. Midriffs (sternum to hips) are covered.
5. All tops have straps.
6. Legwear is mid-thigh or longer in length, opaque, and without large tears or holes.
7. Undergarments remain under garments.
8. All the above, and/or dress/logo infractions can be determined at the teacher's discretion at any time.

Logos

- Indoor clothing and athletic wear is free of logos, writing and slogans that are larger than the size of the student's fist. Outdoor clothing such as rain or snow gear is exempt from this.
- Logos, images or slogans are not scary, disrespectful, offensive or overly distracting (at teacher's discretion). They do not reference television, comic or mainstream media.
- Team clothing (sports teams, artistic or musical clubs, camps and events) in which students are active participants is permitted so long as it does not include corporate logos or sponsorship advertisements.
- Students in Grade 12 may wear clothing that have logos, writing or images that are larger than their fist if the logos are:
 - Congruent with our school's vision and mission
 - Developmentally suitable for students in lower grades to be exposed to (see logo and dress code policy above) and not overly distracting
- All of the above are at teacher's discretion

Process

Primary Grades (1-3) Lower School

Teachers will observe infractions on attendance sheets. When there are three or more infractions, the Reception will email the teacher and the Chair. The teacher will speak with the parents to remind them of our policy. If there is another set of three infractions in a term, the Lower School Chair will contact the parents.

Middle Grades, Lower School (4-7)

Teachers will observe infractions on attendance sheets and remind students to wear clothing in accordance with the dress code. When there are three or more infractions, the Reception will email the teacher and the Chair. The teacher will speak with the parents to remind them of our policy. If there is another set of three infractions in a term, the Lower School Chair will contact the parents.

High School

Teachers will observe and document infractions on attendance sheets. When there are three or more infractions, Reception will email the teacher and the Guardian. The High School Chair will speak to the student.

If there is another single infraction in a term, the High School Chair will contact the parents and a meeting will be held with the student and parents.

If there is another single infraction in a term, the Head of School will contact the parents and suitable clothing will be organized to be left at school to support dress code compliance.