



WASHINGTON LATIN
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

Washington Latin PCS believes that appearance and neatness are important and requires students to meet the highest standards of dress and deportment. We believe parents are our partners in ensuring that students come to school each day well groomed.

We require all students to wear uniforms and adhere to the Dress Code at all times while in the school building and at school-sponsored functions. Careful attention to health and safety considerations and a personal presentation that reflects modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are musts.

Hair must be kept neatly groomed and clean at all times. It may not interfere with vision or the performance of school activities. Hairstyles must be moderate and reflect proper decorum. Girls are not to wear headscarves, except as personal religious beliefs dictate.

All Washington Latin PCS administration and staff will strictly enforce the following Dress Code. Failure to adhere to the Dress Code will result in strategic intervention or disciplinary action; chronic non-adherence may lead to suspension from school. Washington Latin PCS also reserves the right to change this policy as needed.

Daily School-wide Uniform**

The basic Latin uniform consists of khaki bottoms and a collared white, gray, or navy shirt with the WLPCS logo. Girls may also wear dresses and skirts. Please see below for a complete list of acceptable items.

- A white, gray or navy, long- or short-sleeved polo shirt with school insignia
- Navy cardigan or V-neck sweater with school insignia.
- A gray Latin sweatshirt (available for purchase from [G Land Uniforms](#) only)
- Navy blazer with school insignia (available through [Lands End](#) only)
- For girls:
 - Navy polo dress with school insignia (available through [Lands End](#) only)
 - Navy jumper with schools insignia, (available through [Lands End](#) only), worn over a navy, gray or white long or short sleeved polo shirt or blouse
- White long- or short-sleeved button down shirt without school insignia may be worn under sweater or vest with school insignia.
- Khaki pants (khaki shorts may be worn once the warm weather dress code is announced)

- Khaki skirts (not shorter than 1" above the knee)
- Clean, preferably solid-colored shoes in good repair. Closed toe and heel ONLY.

** Juniors and Seniors may substitute a solid, white, gray, or navy, long- or short-sleeved Oxford/Polo shirt for the uniform polo shirt described above.

The uniform order sheet is for our local vendor, G-Land Uniforms. In addition to purchasing uniforms through G-Land in Georgetown (1516 Wisconsin Avenue, NW), you may also order uniform items through Land's End. To access Washington Latin's dedicated section of the Land's End site, go to <http://www.landsend.com/school> and click on "Find Your School's Dress Code". Enter the student and school information and click on "Find My School". When you see the Washington Latin logo appear, click on the appropriate options to see the available items and start shopping. Every item that you find in our section has been pre-approved by the school.

We also have available logo patches that you can purchase and sew on to clothing. Those can be purchased by contacting my executive assistant Christal Miles (cmiles@latinpcs.org).

Notes on dress code:

- Gloves, outerwear, and hats must be removed once students enter the building, except as personal religious beliefs dictate (e.g., yarmulkes).
- Only Latin outerwear may be worn inside the building over their uniform shirt, including the gray Latin sweatshirt or team sweatshirts.
- Coats, sweatshirts, and non-uniform sweaters or other outerwear are not considered appropriate classroom attire.
- You may purchase navy sweaters/vests/cardigans from any store of your choice and take them to G-Land to have the logo put on for a nominal fee.
- Students must have the school logo showing at all times. The only exception is for juniors and seniors. They are allowed to wear solid navy, white or gray shirts or blouses.
- Students may wear solid colored white or navy blue t-shirts beneath school shirts.
- Uniforms are to be worn with careful attention to proper presentation, appearance, and sizing.
- If your child has uniform clothing that still fits but has the former school logo, your child will not be considered out of uniform.
- Khaki pants/shorts/skirts may be purchased from a store of your choice. G-Land and Land's End offer them, but you do not have to purchase from them.
- Students may wear plain white/gray/navy polos under a school sweater as long as the sweater has the logo. You may purchase plain white/gray/navy polos from any store of your choice and take them to G-Land to have the logo put on for a nominal fee.

Physical Education and Athletics Wear

Information on uniform for anything related to sports teams uniforms, or physical education and athletic uniforms, can be found at www.latinathletics.org under the Links tab (Athletics Handbook). The following summarizes the uniform-related policies.

5th and 6th grade – Physical Education uniforms

Middle School students are required to purchase their uniforms. The uniform includes a gray t-Latin shirt, cardinal Latin mesh shorts, gray Latin sweatshirt, and gray Latin sweatpants. The sweatshirt may also be worn during school and in the classroom. Families need to purchase all items only from [G Land Uniforms](#).

7th and 8th grade – Athletics uniforms

Students purchase uniforms directly from Washington Latin. Mr. Richard Bettencourt, Athletics Director, will provide a form to all students seasonally with details.

Upper School – Sports Teams

Uniforms for Upper School teams are provided to all players by the school and are expected to be returned at the end of the season. If a uniform is lost or damaged, the student will be required to pay the replacement cost.