

## WAYMAN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Wayman Academy of the Arts' students are required to dress in school uniform. Students need to come to school in uniform every day. We ask that parents help us to enforce proper uniform attire by making sure children have ready access to clean uniform clothing every day.

It is our belief that a uniform allows children to attend to their tasks here at school: to think, to create, to question, to learn, and to develop social relationships based on mutual trust. We wish to build community values while reducing the competitiveness that is often a part of fashion and advertising.

### **Boys**

**Shirt:** Collared School Shirt (4 different colors available)

**Pants:** Khaki or Navy

**Walking Shorts:** Khaki or Navy

**Shoes:** Closed Toe Brown or Black

**Belt:** Brown or Black

**Neck Tie (Optional):** Orange, green, or black

### **Girls**

**Shirt:** Collared School Shirt (4 different colors available)

**Skirt:** Khaki or Navy

**Skort:** Khaki or Navy

**Pants/Capris:** Khaki or Navy

**Shoes:** Closed Toe Brown or Black

**Neck Tie (optional):** Solid Color Cross or Tab Tie (Orange, Green, Black)

**Note- Girls are not allowed to wear shorts**

### **PE Uniform:**

**Shirt:** Orange WAA T-Shirt

**Shorts:** WAA Gym Shorts

**Hoodie:** Green WAA Hoodie

**Sweatpants:** Green WAA Sweatpants

**Sneakers:** Any Color

### **Notes:**

- Socks and other accessories should match uniform colors
- The uniforms with WAA logo will be available to purchase at Wayman Academy of the Arts
- Also, know that the following items are dress code violations and may not be worn or carried in school: hats, artificial colors in hair such as red, blue, purple etc., tank tops, laser pointers, trench coats, long chains, and spiked jewelry. Please note that leggings are not considered pants and appropriate length skirt or pants must be worn over the leggings. No flip-flops, high heels, light up shoes, or shoes with roller blades are allowed to be worn by students.

- Religious, Disability and Health Accommodations  
Where the bona fide religious beliefs, disability or the health need of a student conflicts with the school uniform dress code policy, the school will provide reasonable accommodation. Any student desiring accommodation shall notify the Principal in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs or health need shall not be prohibited under this policy.
- Administrative Review  
Any student who believes that their school has not reasonably accommodated his or her bona fide religious, health or financial needs or right of free expression, may submit a written request for review to the Wayman Academy School Board. The Board will review the matter and respond in writing to the student's concern.

## **Benefits of School Uniforms**

At Wayman Academy, we feel that school uniforms positively impact our students and their parents by breaking down barriers in learning and social interaction, reducing on-campus violence and bullying, and creating a unified school experience.

Below are some reasons why we feel school uniforms benefit our students, their families, and our teachers in creating a positive learning environment:

### **Reduces distractions**

Uniforms help remove distractions in the classroom by creating common ground for everyone; students can focus on their academics rather than on what they and others are wearing.

### **Improves community and school spirit**

Students wearing clothing in school colors with the school logo creates a unified community, reduces competition among students, and improves school spirit.

### **Helps prevent bullying**

Many students feel pressure to wear stylish clothes to school. And, parents often feel the economic pressure to provide their children with clothing that reflects the most current fashion trends. Therefore, students who do not wear the latest and greatest may feel left out, criticized, or even bullied by their peers. School uniforms reduce economic and social barriers between students that often lead to bullying.

### **Streamlines morning routines**

Mornings are hectic enough without having to decide what to wear. Schools with a school uniform policy, have students who can get ready for school quickly and have time to eat breakfast and organize for a successful day.

### **Encourages other ways to express oneself**

Because self-expression is important to us, and we want to encourage ways students can appropriately demonstrate their identity, uniforms inspire students to express themselves through their personality and achievements rather than by what they wear.

### **It can increase student attendance.**

Students can feign illnesses or be impacted by stress-related ailments because of inequalities that they see with their clothing and fashion compared to others. Because student uniforms reduce this impact, it is possible for student attendance to increase.

### **Uniforms could help students focus more attention onto their studies than their fashion.**

This advantage comes back to the discipline that is generated by maintaining the expectations of a certain look. By eliminating the need to find popularity through fashion or accessories, it becomes possible for students to focus on other aspects of

the learning environment. That means a student can stay focused on their lessons, retaining the information learned, and that can lead to better overall grades.