WALTHER
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

DRESS ATTIRE

Dear Walther Families,

I pray your summer is off to a wonderful start! As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I want to share an important update regarding our student dress code and the heart behind this change.

At Walther Christian Academy, we are continuously building a culture that calls students to become who God has designed them to be. We believe our students are capable, gifted, intelligent, and full of purpose. Because of that, we want every part of their school experience to help shape them for success – both in the classroom and in life.

One of the ways we are strengthening our culture is by raising the standard for student attire.

Every professional setting has expectations. Whether students go on to college, careers, ministry, military service, entrepreneurship, or any other pathway God opens for them, they will encounter environments where appearance, discipline, and professionalism matter. We are teaching students to carry themselves with dignity, to take pride in their appearance, and to understand that excellence is often developed through daily habits like dressing appropriately for school.

Students must realize that their outward appearance can reflect their ambition, signal seriousness about their learning, and help build confidence, discipline, and pride. It can remind them that when they walk into Walther, they are stepping into a place of purpose.

Students will maintain autonomy to express creativity, personal style, and individuality within clear expectations. There will also be relaxed dress days, Spirit Wear Fridays, special theme days, and celebratory moments when dress code expectations may be adjusted or lifted altogether. However, we want to help our students develop the wisdom to know how and when to dress for success.

We recognize that families need time to plan. For that reason, we are communicating these expectations early in the summer so you have time to review the updated dress code, ask questions, and prepare accordingly before the start of the school year.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue building a school culture marked by faith, excellence, discipline, pride, and purpose. I am excited about Walther's continuous growth and grateful that we get to do this work together for the good of our students.

God's Richest Blessings,
Dr. Terence D. Swims
Principal, Walther Christian Academy

DRESS ATTIRE

Walther Christian Academy maintains a dress standard that supports a Christ-centered, focused, and professional school environment. Students are expected to arrive each day dressed neatly, modestly, and appropriately for learning.

The dress code is in effect from 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM unless otherwise approved by administration.

SHIRTS AND TOPS

Students may wear the following tops in any color:
- Polo shirts
- Button-down shirts
- Blouses
- Sweaters
- Quarter-zips
- Walther hoodies — Non-Walther hoodies are not permitted.

Tops must be clean, neat, modest, and school-appropriate.
Students may not wear hoods over their heads inside the building.

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL DRESS

Students must wear a **Walther Polo** on Wednesdays in observance of Chapel Worship Service.

BOTTOMS

Students may wear the following bottoms:
- Slacks
- Pants
- Skirts
- Shorts
- Leggings that meet dress code expectations

Approved bottom colors include:
- Black
- Brown/Khaki
- Gray
- Green
- Blue

Bottoms must be clean, neat, modest, and school-appropriate. Pants must be worn at the waist. Sagging is not permitted.

Skirts and Shorts must be modest in length – (no shorter than mid-thigh) and may not be rolled, shortened, or altered.

Leggings are permitted only when made of thick, opaque material and worn in a manner appropriate as pants. Sheer, thin, revealing, or compression-style leggings are not permitted. Administration reserves the right to determine whether leggings meet dress code expectations.

FRIDAY SPIRIT WEAR

Fridays are designated as Spirit Wear days. Students may wear:
- Walther Spirit Wear
- Jeans
- Joggers

Spirit Wear must represent Walther Christian Academy or a Walther team, club, activity, or event. This includes any clothing purchased from our online Spiritwear store as well as special shirts made for events throughout the year (i.e. Homecoming, Black History Month, Shine, Thrivent shirts, etc.).

SHOES

Students must wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes every day.

Shoes must be safe, school-appropriate, and free of holes.
Crocs, Slides, slippers, flip-flops, open-toe shoes, and open-heel shoes are not permitted for safety.
Athletic shoes are required for Physical Education and physical activity-based classes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

Students must wear the approved Walther P.E. uniform during Physical Education classes. The P.E. uniform is required and will be reflected in student grades.

The P.E. uniform includes:
- Walther P.E. shirt or sweatshirt
- Walther P.E. shorts or joggers
- Athletic shoes

P.E. clothing may only be worn during scheduled Physical Education classes unless approved by administration.

HEADWEAR

The following may not be worn inside the building during school hours:
- Hats
- Hoods
- Bonnets
- Du-rags or wave caps
- Other non-approved head coverings

Scarves may be worn as accessories but may not cover the head unless worn for religious, cultural, or medical reasons.

GENERAL CLOTHING GUIDELINES

The following are not permitted:
- Low-cut, sleeveless, midriff-baring, sheer, see-through, or revealing clothing
- Clothing that exposes undergarments
- Clothing with inappropriate, offensive, suggestive, profane, political, drug-related, alcohol-related, violent, or discriminatory language, images, or symbols
- Clothing representing other schools, unless approved by administration
- Blankets worn as clothing

Administration reserves the right to determine whether clothing meets dress code expectations.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

All staff members may address dress code concerns.

Students who violate the dress code may be required to correct the issue before returning to class. Class time missed may be marked unexcused.

Consequences may include:
- Parent/guardian notification
- Detention
- Loss of dress code privileges
- Parent conference
- Additional disciplinary action for repeated violations

Students and families are expected to partner with Walther in maintaining a respectful, focused, and excellent school environment.