

Halton Waldorf School
Student Dress Code
September 2025

At Halton Waldorf School (HWS), movement and physical activity, both indoors and outdoors, are an essential part of each school day. To support student health, safety, and readiness for learning, all students are expected to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

While the school will uphold standards of cleanliness and appropriateness, the primary responsibility for student attire rests with parents. If a student's clothing is deemed unsuitable, the student may be asked to change, and parents may be contacted to provide appropriate attire.

On certain occasions throughout the school year, such as assemblies, performances, and festivals, students may be required to wear more formal clothing, including dark pants or skirts and white shirts (commonly referred to as 'festival attire'). Parents and students will be notified in advance whenever festival attire is required. Students who arrive for an extracurricular event without suitable clothing may not be permitted to participate.

General Expectations

All student clothing must:

- Support confident and unrestricted movement.
- Prepare students for outdoor activities in all types of weather, including recess, walks, and field trips.
- Include safe footwear that fits securely and provides adequate grip. Slip-ons without a fitted heel strap, flip-flops, LED light-up shoes, high heels, and open-toed sandals are not permitted.
- Hats, hoods, and other non-religious head coverings are not permitted indoors.
- Watches must remain free of distracting lights, sounds, or music. They may only be used to tell time or to support medical needs.
- Avoid distracting graphics and slogans.

Grade-Specific Expectations

Grades 1–5

Students in Grades 1–5 are expected to come prepared with weather-appropriate clothing, including:

- Hats for sun or cold weather.
- Splash pants and rain boots in wet or muddy conditions.
- Snow pants and winter boots during cold or snowy weather.

- Jackets appropriate to the season (rain, mud, snow, or cold).

Grades 6–8

As middle school students develop greater independence, faculty support them in making responsible clothing choices by:

- Encouraging the wearing of weather-appropriate jackets and footwear.
- Advising students to keep extra socks and clothing on hand if they choose to go outside in rain or snow without suitable outerwear.
- Guiding students toward choices that support health, safety, and full participation in the school day.

Gym Class and Athletic Events

Students should wear designated HWS gym T-shirts, appropriate athletic bottoms, and running shoes suitable for physical education classes. For off-site athletic events and school sporting activities, such as the Terry Fox Run or the TWS Basketball Tournament, students are expected to wear assigned HWS athletic attire, including the HWS basketball jersey or other school-issued team uniforms, when requested.