

## **Costumes for attending West Harmony --- Optional**

**Suggested items from today's fashions that could be adapted for wearing to the 1900 West Harmony School.**

**Knickers:** Tweed or plaid cross-country ski knickers; baseball, football pants banded at the knee; dark or gray sweatpants banded at the knee. All worn with knee socks.

**Bib Overalls:** Store bought made of blue denim.

**Shirts: Plain,** soft white shirts with the collar turned in or with rounded collars; flannel shirts worn the same way.

**Sweater:** Ribbed turtle necks.

**Ties:** Very wide lengths of material tied in bows.

**Socks:** Knee socks, mostly dark (could use heavy tights) wool in winter and cotton in summer.

**Boots, shoes:** Over the ankle, dark boots or shoes; ankle boots of the type worn today that lace up.

**Hats:** Golf caps, sunbonnets, tams, straw, military dress hats without the brim.

**Skirts:** Plain gored or soft pleated; calico or gingham could be used with a white blouse or an over blouse of the same material.

**Dresses:** Wide sleeve pinafores or aprons worn over long dark long sleeve dresses or frilly cotton blouses; sleeveless white dress, buttoned at the back over the above mentioned items.



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