

DRESS AND APPEARANCE CODE

Lutheran High School perceives education as a formal activity and has adopted a conservative approach to the type of clothing appropriate for school dress. Therefore, LHS minimizes the focus on fashion and moves students to a certain degree of conformity. Basically, school clothes should do the following:

- ...Reflect modesty
- ...Be neat and clean
- ...Convey “dressed up” appearance
- ...Not contain slogans or symbols that may be offensive, considered non-Christian or glorify death

It is expected that all students will follow dress and appearance code from the time of arrival to the time of departure. This means students must be in dress and appearance code the entire time they are on campus. The only exception to this is for after school athletics or events that require otherwise. Special dress days may take place throughout the year.

Parents’ Responsibility

Parents/Guardians should read and review the dress code with their student. LHS believes that the major responsibility for student appearance rests with the parents/guardians. As a result, parents/guardians have an obligation not only to provide clothing, but to guide the student’s selection in proper wearing apparel and determine its suitability. Parents/Guardians should see that students are dressed appropriately for school.

Boys’ Dress Code

1. All boys are to wear shirts that have collars, such as a polo type shirt or oxford style shirt. Turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are acceptable. Sweaters and shirts designed to be worn un-tucked are acceptable and must have knit webbing or a straight hem at the bottom. T-shirts are not acceptable. Team athletic jerseys are not acceptable except on designated days. Shirts should be free of writing, images, or anything more than a small logo.
2. All boys are to wear neat and clean trousers. Black, navy blue, grey or khaki colored Docker-style pants or dress pants are the acceptable styles and colors. Camouflage pants, denim or sweat materials are not appropriate. **Pants must be neatly hemmed and must hang from the waist. A belt is required for all pants with belt loops.**
3. Docker-style or dress shorts of black, navy blue, grey or khaki are also acceptable. All shorts must not be shorter than 3” above the knee.
4. All boys should wear appropriate footwear that should be worn at all times inside and outside the building. Topsiders, loafers, or dress shoes are acceptable. Athletic shoes may also be worn in good taste. Dress style sandals are allowed. No flip flop style or slippers are allowed.

5. No hats, caps, or headgear of any type is allowed. Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn inside the building.
6. Jackets, coats or hoodies should not be worn during the school day unless approved by the classroom teacher. Jackets or coats worn into the building must be neat and clean and have no negative patches or designs. Jackets, coats and hoodies must be stored in lockers during school hours. Blazer style or knit sweaters are allowed to be worn in the classroom.
7. No pierced ears or body piercing of any type is allowed.
8. Tattoos of any type are not appropriate for LHS and must not be visible on school grounds or at extra-curricular events.
9. Boys should not wear make-up.

Girls' Dress Code

1. All girls are to wear dressy shirts that may or may not have collars, such as a polo type shirt or oxford style shirt. Turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are acceptable. Sweaters and shirts designed to be worn un-tucked are acceptable and must have knit webbing or a hem at the bottom. If a shirt that is designed to be worn un-tucked is too short to cover a student's midriff or back, then a plain undershirt that is completely tucked in must be worn under the shirt and the outer shirt must be buttoned up. At no time, including while sitting or with arms raised, should the midriff or back show. Shirts worn must have a modest neckline. Shirts should be free of writing, images, or anything more than a small logo. **T-shirts are not acceptable.**
2. All girls are to wear neat, clean trousers. Black, navy blue, grey or khaki Docker-style or dress pants are acceptable styles and colors. Camouflage pants, denim or sweat materials are not appropriate. Pants must be neatly hemmed. A belt is required for all pants that have belt loops.
3. Docker-style shorts, skorts, and capri pants of black, navy blue, grey or khaki colors are acceptable. All shorts and skirts must not be shorter than 3" above the knee.
4. If dresses are worn, they must be modest. Dresses must not be shorter than 3" above the knee. Denim dresses or skirts are not acceptable. Dresses must not be form fitting to the body. If dresses are sleeveless the strap must be 2" in width or more on the shoulder.
5. All girls should wear appropriate footwear that should be worn at all times inside and outside of the building. Topsiders, loafers, or dress shoes are acceptable. Athletic shoes may also be worn in good taste. Dress style sandals are allowed. No flip flop style or slippers are allowed.
6. No hats, caps, or headgear of any type is allowed. Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn inside the building.
7. Jackets, coats or hoodies should not be worn during the school day unless approved by the classroom teacher. Jackets or coats worn into the building must be neat and clean and have no negative patches or designs. Jackets, coats and hoodies must be stored in lockers during school hours. Blazer style or knit sweaters are allowed to be worn in the classroom.

8. Girls may have no more than two piercing filled on each ear. No other body piercing jewelry is allowed.
9. Tattoos of any type are not appropriate for LHS and must not be visible on school grounds or at extra-curricular events.
10. Makeup that is worn should not be distracting or offensive.

Hair length and styles follow various fads and trends. Here also, LHS has adopted a conservative approach. Specific hairstyles that follow passing fads will be decided upon as they arise. However, the following guidelines will be followed:

- ...No dying or bleaching of hair that is considered distracting or not a natural color
- ...No facial hair for boys (sideburns are not to go below the earlobe)
- ...Boys' hair should not fall below the shirt collar
- ...No shaving of any part of the head beyond what would be considered a "traditional" haircut.
- ...No hair should be lower than eyebrow level in front

LHS reserves the right to make necessary adjustments in the dress code and to decide what is appropriate dress and hairstyles for LHS students.

Jeans on Friday

Students will be allowed to wear presentable, modest, and respectful jeans on Fridays with the understanding that all other aspects of the dress code will be maintained. Jeans worn must not have holes, rips, or be revealing. When the Student Council requested this privilege, they also challenged the student body that "by attending and representing this school, (students) must have maturity and honor Christ in everything that they do, and strive for the same or greater standard of excellence as they would in normal dress code."

Violating Dress Code

All members of the LHS community (students, parents, teachers, and administrators) share in the responsibility for implementation of these guidelines. Students who are not in accordance with the dress code will be asked to make necessary corrections. Missing significant class time as a result of a dress code violation may be counted as an unexcused absence. Consequences will increase with frequency of inappropriate appearance.