

DRESS AND APPEARANCE CODE

Lutheran High School perceives education as a professional 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 reflect Christian modesty, be neat and clean, and convey a professional appearance.

The school's dress guidelines provide an opportunity to learn an important Christian concept: living in Christ's freedom by considering the rights and feelings of others. Scripture tells us to show love and consideration for others in "all things" (Romans 14). In applying this precept to dress and appearance, it is concluded that one must never wear clothing that offends others or makes them uncomfortable.

It is expected that all students will follow the 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-down" days may take place throughout the year.

If parents/guardians or students are uncertain as to whether an article of clothing meets the expectations of the school, they are welcome to ask before wearing it.

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

BOYS' DRESS CODE

1. All boys are to wear appropriate shirts that may or may not have collars. Shirts should be free of writing, images, or anything more than a small logo. Only neat and current **Lutheran High School T-shirts are acceptable**. These may be purchased through our Sideline Store located on our website, or issued by school teams and activities. All other T-shirts, including V-necks, are not permitted. Team athletic jerseys are not acceptable.
2. All boys are to wear neat and clean pants or shorts; any color or pattern is acceptable. Pockets on the sides are permitted. Camouflage, jeans, or athletic/sweat material is not allowed. Pants and shorts must be neatly hemmed and sized to fit. All shorts must not be shorter than 3" above the knee.
4. All boys should wear appropriate footwear that must be worn at all times inside and outside the building. Flip flop style or slippers are not permitted.
5. Hats, caps, or headgear of any type is not allowed. Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn inside the building.
6. Jackets or coats worn into the building must be neat and clean and have no negative patches or designs. Jackets or coats should not be worn during the school day unless approved by the classroom teacher. Sweaters are allowed to be worn in the classroom. Jackets and coats must be stored in lockers during school hours.

7. Non-Lutheran High School hoodies or sweatshirts are not allowed. **Lutheran High School hoodies are acceptable** and may be worn during the school day. Students removing a LHS hoodie during the school day must still follow the Dress and Appearance Code.
8. Pierced ears or body piercing of any type is not allowed. Students may not simply cover a piercing with a band-aid or use a clear and “less visible” piercing.
9. Tattoos of any type are not appropriate for LHS and must not be visible on school grounds or at extra-curricular events.
10. Boys should not wear make-up.

GIRLS' DRESS CODE

1. All girls are to wear appropriate shirts that may or may not have collars. 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 does cover a student's midriff or back, 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. Only neat and current **Lutheran High School T-shirts are acceptable**. These may be purchased through our Sideline Store located on our website, or issued by school teams and activities. All other T-shirts, including V-necks, are not acceptable. Team athletic jerseys are not acceptable.
2. All girls are to wear neat and clean pants or shorts/skorts; any color or pattern is acceptable. Pockets on the sides are permitted. Camouflage, jeans, “yoga” or running style, or sweat material is not allowed. Pants must be neatly hemmed and sized to fit. Tight-fitting leggings may only be worn with skirts, dresses, or shirts that are modest and at least “fingertip” length around the entire body. All shorts/skorts must be modest and not be shorter than fingertip length or deemed inappropriate.
3. If dresses and skirts are worn, they must be modest. Dresses and skirts must not be shorter than fingertip length or deemed inappropriate. Jean dresses or skirts are not acceptable. Dresses and skirts must not be form fitting to the body. If dresses are sleeveless the strap must be 2” in width or more on the shoulder.
4. All girls should wear appropriate footwear that must be worn at all times inside and outside of the building. Dress style sandals are allowed. Flip flop style or slippers are not permitted.
5. Hats, caps, or headgear of any type is not allowed. Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn inside the building.
6. Jackets or coats worn into the building must be neat and clean and have no negative patches or designs. Jackets or coats should not be worn during the school day unless approved by the classroom teacher. Sweaters are allowed to be worn in the classroom. Jackets and coats must be stored in lockers during school hours.
7. Non-Lutheran High School hoodies or sweatshirts are not allowed. **Lutheran High School hoodies are acceptable** and may be worn during the school day. Students removing a LHS hoodie during the school day must still follow the Dress and Appearance Code.

8. Girls may have multiple piercings in each ear. Spikes or other ear piercings that protrude greatly from the earlobe on either side are not acceptable. Earrings in which the hole can be seen through or that stretch the earlobe around a gauge are not allowed. No other body piercing jewelry is allowed – this includes tongue, eyebrow, nose, and lip piercings. Students may not simply cover a piercing with a band-aid or use a clear and “less visible” piercing.
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.

Female staff personnel will assist in determining if the neckline and length of a female student’s apparel is in keeping with Christian modesty.

HAIR LENGTH AND STYLES

Hair length and styles follow various fads and trends. 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 earlobes)
- Boys’ hairstyles must not be extreme (as determined by administration) and should reflect careful grooming; hair must be clean with no ill-groomed or distracting styles, including man buns and pony tails.
- No shaving of any part of the head beyond what would be considered a “traditional” haircut (i.e. mohawks)
- 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 DAY

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.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

On occasion, administration may announce a dress-down day to serve as a fundraiser for a particular cause or activity. Although dress-down days allow students to dress more casually, it is not a time to disregard other elements of the Dress and Appearance Code. Hats or out-of-code piercings should not be worn and students should not wear immodest, torn, or more leisurely attire (i.e. pajama pants, yoga pants, etc.).

During special dress-up spirit days, for example during Homecoming week, students are expected to adhere to the theme presented. If a student decides not to participate in a dress-down day or dress-up spirit day/week, they must adhere to the regular dress code guidelines.

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. Students will be issued a detention with accompanying fine for additional offenses, whether or not class time is missed. Consequences will increase with frequency of inappropriate appearance.