



K-12th GRADE DRESS CODE

2022-2023

Mission Statement

To work with families in bringing their children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, educating them from a Christian worldview, and preparing them for a life of service to Christ and their world.

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Revision Policy

Lincoln-Way Christian Academy reserves the right to change any policy or procedure in the dress code at any time when, at the discretion of the staff and administration, it deems the change to be in the best interest of the school.

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DRESS CODE

We want to help our students create a good self-image for themselves, which is vital to good Christian growth. To do this, we feel that we must encourage cleanliness and dress that is becoming of young ladies and gentlemen in accordance with the principles of modesty set forth in Scripture. Students should dress in a way that neither dishonors God nor draws inappropriate attention to themselves. The dress standards which follow are intended as expressions of these principles. At LWCA, we believe that the way we are dressed is the first and simplest form of communication about ourselves. Therefore, we have a uniform for our lower school students (**kindergarteners through grade 6**) while they are developing and learning good dress habits. For our upper school students (**grades 7-12**), we have developed a dress code which we believe includes sufficient latitude for individual expression and taste.

One of the most difficult tasks for administration is the determination of modesty, which is often at odds with cultural fashion trends. Please, do not put administration in a difficult position. We do not want to cause any embarrassment by having to notify a student that their attire is inappropriate after they have arrived at school. Modesty is a somewhat subjective interpretation, but one we have a duty to uphold. Before students leave home each day, it is the parents' responsibility to see that their student is dressed properly for school according to the uniform (**K-6**) or dress code (**7-12**). If a student is out of uniform or dress code, they may be required to change before returning to class (at admin discretion based on the number or type of uniform/dress code infractions). For specific consequences following uniform or dress code violations, please see the Discipline and Consequences Chart in the full handbook.

*****Please note that the 7th-12th grade dress code applies to parent/guardian volunteers who are on-campus during the school day.*****

K-6TH UNIFORM FOR DAILY DRESS

Uniform items may be purchased through Land's End, French Toast, Walmart, Old Navy, or Children's Place. School spirit wear must be purchased through the LWCA spirit wear website and have our official logo/mascot on them.

GIRLS UNIFORM FOR DAILY DRESS

Tops

Polos: Solid color; short or long sleeve

Spirit wear: t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or zip-up with school logo/mascot

Cardigans (optional): solid color; button down or cable knit

Dresses: polo uniform dresses, fingertip length at a minimum. Must wear shorts or leggings underneath.

Bottoms (all bottoms must be khaki)

Pants: flat front or pleated pants

Shorts: walking or cargo shorts with a 5" inseam minimum

Jumpers/Skirt/Skort (any style): fingertip length at a minimum. Must wear shorts or leggings underneath.

Socks/tights/leggings: black, brown, or navy

Shoes: black, navy, or brown dress shoe, gym shoe, loafers, boots, or flats

BOYS UNIFORM FOR DAILY DRESS

Tops

Polos: solid color; short or long sleeve polos

Spirit wear: t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or zip-up with school logo/mascot

Cardigans (optional): solid color button down or cable knit

Bottoms (all bottoms must be khaki)

Pants: cargo, flat front, or pleated pants

Shorts: walking or cargo shorts with a 5" inseam minimum

Socks: black, brown, or navy

Shoes: black, navy, or brown dress shoe, gym shoe, loafers, boots, or flats

Belts (optional): black, navy, or brown

K-6TH EXAMPLE UNIFORMS



7th – 12th GRADE DAILY DRESS CODE

Daily dress acceptable attire:

Pants: dress pants or jeans with no rips/tears, unfinished hems, or holes

Dresses/skirts/tunics: must be fingertip length at minimum; must have shorts or leggings underneath

Shorts: dress, cargo, hiking, or denim shorts with no rips/tears that have a minimum 5" inseam

Shirts: collared, button-down, blouses, sweaters, pullover knits, or spirit wear

Spirit wear: t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, or zip-up with school logo/mascot

Shoes: all shoes must be clean and in good condition--dress shoes, gym shoes, sandals, loafers, boots, or flats

Daily dress unacceptable attire:

Bottoms: leggings (without a dress/skirt/tunic), sweatpants, spandex, yoga pants, athletic shorts

Dresses/tops: sleeveless or strapless, see-through, cleavage-revealing, crop tops

Shoes: slippers, any shoe with wheels in the sole

1. Any article of clothing or accessory that displays obscene images, sexually suggestive, vulgar, violent, or otherwise inappropriate images or sayings
2. Hats or headwear, including a raised hood
3. Chains, spikes, or jewelry indicating gang affiliation or considered potentially harmful
4. Any article of clothing which is too tight or form-fitting—restricting movement or emphasizing bodily curves. Students should be able to pinch an inch of fabric on any article of clothing
5. Any article of clothing which is excessively baggy—oversized or inappropriately fitted, sags, or will not stay up

Appearance standards:

Hair should be clean, well-groomed, not extreme (including, but not limited to: excessive length for boys, mohawks, spikes, non-natural colors, etc.), and away from the eyes.

Junior and senior boys may have facial hair. Boys' facial hair is to be neat and well-groomed at all times. No shaggy or unkempt appearance will be allowed.

Nail color (for boys), body mutilations, or body piercings (including any magnetic jewelry and gauges) other than ear piercings are not permitted. If student has tattoos, they must be covered throughout the school day and whenever attending school functions or activities.

MANDATORY DRESS DAY GUIDELINES (K-12th)

Mandatory dress gives our students the opportunity to style themselves in a business-like manner. We use mandatory dress days for chapel days, game days, athletic events, picture day, the Christmas play, science fair, and graduation. All students from kindergarten through 12th grade may choose their own outfits within the following standards of dress.

BOYS MANDATORY DRESS DAY

Pants: Wrinkle-free dress pants, any color (black, navy, gray, brown, khaki, etc.)

Shirts: Wrinkle-free, collared button-down dress shirt or polo, any color. Shirts are to be tucked in with a belt.

Socks: Dress socks may be black, brown, navy blue, or fun-patterned socks

Belts: solid black, navy, or brown

Shoes: Black, navy, or brown solid color dress shoe or dress boots

Optional items: Ties—necktie or bow tie, any color, solid or patterned, matching suit jackets, blazers, or vests

GIRLS MANDATORY DRESS DAY

Pants: Wrinkle-free dress pants, any color (black, brown, navy, gray, brown, khaki, etc.)

Skirts/dresses: Must be fingertip length at minimum; must have shorts or leggings underneath

Shirts: Blouses or sweaters

Socks/tights/leggings: must coordinate with the outfit

Shoes: Dress flats, dress boots, dress sandals, or heels

Optional items: Blazers, jean jackets

DRESS DOWN DAY/ATHLETIC DRESS (K-12TH)

Athletic dress is for after school sports practices and field days. All acceptable daily dress is permissible on dress down day.

Pants: Jeans, sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts (5" inseam minimum)

Note: On dress down days *only*, students may wear jeans with rips/tears/holes however, any holes above the knee (for boys and girls) must be covered by wearing leggings underneath or otherwise patching the hole.

Tops: T-shirts, modest tank tops (shoulders and undergarments covered), sweatshirts, hoodies, zip-ups

Shoes: Gym shoes, flip flops, slides, etc.

FORMAL EVENT ATTIRE

Formal event dress code guidelines must be followed by all attendees at events (current LWCA students and off-campus guests). To avoid confusion or issues at an event, administration is willing to pre-approve outfits based on a picture of the student in the outfit.

1. Attire should reflect a formal family occasion (like a wedding) rather than a night on the town or evening at a club.
2. Dresses that are too revealing, exposing midribs or cleavage, or are shorter than mid-thigh are not appropriate.