



Lafayette Christian School

Excellence in Education Centered in Christ

LCS STUDENT DRESS CODE

In any academic setting, appropriate clothing and appearance contribute to a healthy learning environment and positive school culture. LCS values modesty, respectability and honoring God in our dress and appearance. We believe our dress code can help students learn and understand the importance of presenting themselves neatly, professionally, and appropriately both at school events and in preparing for real world experiences.

- Teachers will do their best to spot any dress code violations at the start of the day, from the moment students enter the classroom. When a student is in violation of the dress code, the teacher will send the student to the office. Students will call home, and parents must bring dress code appropriate clothes. If a parent is not able to return to school with new clothes, students will wear clothes provided by the school.

When there is a question or uncertainty about dress code, the principal and assistant principal will be the final word in evaluating and enforcing the dress code. Since it is impossible for the dress code to deal with every situation, follow this general principle: If there is doubt, don't wear it.

For 6th-8th grade students, dress code violations will be recorded. After three incidents per semester, students will receive an appropriate consequence (including but not limited to after school detention, silent lunch, or other consequence).

A PE uniform is added to the class list for 5th-8th grades, to be purchased before the start of the school year. Students must wear the uniform and tennis shoes to participate in PE. Kindergarten through 4th grade students must wear tennis shoes to participate in PE. Students not dressed according to these guidelines will be asked to sit out, which will impact a student's participation grade.

1. Overall Appearance

- a. All clothing will be neat, clean, modest, gender appropriate, and of appropriate size. Clothing should have no rips or holes above the knee.
- b. Clothing that promotes any non-Christian slogan or message cannot be worn at school or school events. (no messages about drugs, violence, alcohol, sexuality, non-Christian music, or politics) Brand names are allowable.
- c. Hair color and makeup should be of natural hues and not distracting. Hats must be placed in a student backpack and/or locker upon entering the building. Hoods must be worn down while in the building.
- d. Pajamas are only to be worn on class reward days or school spirit days. Sleepwear cannot be worn as clothes.

2. Tops
 - a. Tops/shirts should not reveal undergarments or be tight-fitting. They must be cut high enough at the neckline and low enough at the waist to provide adequate coverage. Shirts or any type of top must completely cover the waist and not expose a bare midriff within a normal range of movement throughout the day.
 - b. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or sleeveless shirts cannot be worn alone. Cap sleeves and flutter sleeves are allowed, as long as the arm hole fits close to the body without gaps and undergarments are not visible.
3. Bottoms
 - a. Shorts (boys & girls), should have at least a 5-inch inseam. Skirts, skorts, and dresses (girls) should be no shorter than 5 inches above the top of the kneecap in both the front and back. Spandex/biker shorts are not allowed.
 - b. Shorts can only be worn during August-October and April-May.
 - c. Leggings can only be worn under a dress or skirt that follows the dress code. Leggings are not allowed to be worn as pants.
4. Shoes
 - a. Students must be able to run and play in their shoes without encumbrance or injury, and parents should consider this when choosing shoes for their children.
 - b. In grades K-5, all sandals and any open-back shoes must have a backstrap.
 - c. Shoes cannot have wheels of any kind.
5. P.E. Class
 - a. Tennis shoes must be worn to participate in P.E.
 - b. 5th-8th grade students must change into P.E. uniforms to be allowed to participate in Physical Education. Shirts and shorts will be purchased at the start of the school year.

I have read this dress code with my student(s), and I understand that if we do not follow these guidelines, I will be called to school to bring extra clothes that are compliant with the dress code.

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