

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2011-2012 **PERSONAL APPEARANCE GUIDELINES**

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS FOR OUR DRESS CODE

Because it is the desire of Life Christian Academy to maintain an appropriate educational environment, modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are essential. Clothing or hairstyles that distract from the educational process or that draw attention are not appropriate. Christians are encouraged in the Bible to observe the principles of modesty, to avoid drawing attention to themselves, and to glorify God in all their behavior. Extremes in fashions are considered inappropriate and distracting. Parents are expected to monitor their student's dress. In cases where parents have questions or have not monitored the student's dress, which leads to violation of the dress code, the administration will be the final authority.

Listed below are the clothing items that meet LCA dress code requirements. If something is not listed below then it is not allowed:

GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Time Frame-The dress code shall apply to all students from **7:30-3:15**.

Off Campus School Events-When classes, teams or musical groups, etc. travel as representatives of LCA the Principal and advisor shall be responsible for setting a standard of dress appropriate for the occasion.

Athletic Practices-Appropriate dress for after-school athletic practices is expected. The coaches and the athletic director will monitor this. Boys must wear shirts at all times during and after school.

Athletic Game Days-Students that are participating in a school sponsored sport program are allowed to wear their team jerseys or team sweatsuits, with their coach's permission, on game days (except for Friday chapel day). Cheerleaders can wear their cheer sweat suits on game days Monday-Thursday only (not on Friday chapel day). Cheerleaders are not allowed to wear their cheer skirts during school hours (except for pep assemblies).

Accessories-Hats and sunglasses are not allowed inside the building. Boys cannot wear earrings, band aides, tape or any other coverings on ear lobes. Clear plastic studs are permissible. No black nail polish or lipstick for boys or girls. Boys cannot wear nail polish of any color. No dog chains, large belt buckles, wallet chains, or gothic accessories. No visible body, tongue, or nose piercings.

Hairstyle-Hair is to be neat, clean, and out of the eyes. Only a natural hair color will be allowed. Boy's hair length may not exceed the top of the collar and must be above the earlobes. No ponytails or hair adornments allowed for boys. It is the administration's prerogative to require changes.

Facial Hair- No beards, mustaches, or facial hair of any kind. Sideburns must not be below earlobe level.

Shoes-Shoes must be in good repair. Shoes with laces must be tied. Shoes may not have any handwriting on them. No flip-flops or slippers of any kind.

Coats-Middle school students are not allowed to wear any type of coats in the building during school hours. This would include but not limited to: light jackets, windbreakers, athletic jackets/coats, winter coats, etc.

Miscellaneous-Students are not to write or draw on their skin, shoes or clothing. All attire is to be neat, clean, not be torn, patched, frayed, fringed, over-sized, unhemmed or badly faded. No safety pins, undergarments or tattoos can be visible at any time. All pants must have pockets in the back.

ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE DRESS CODE AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

All items of clothing must reflect modesty. If the student's clothing does not reflect this, they will be required to remain in the school office until they can change into appropriate clothing or parents can bring appropriate clothing to school. Modesty issues are listed below.

TOPS

COLORS-For all sweatshirts, fleeces, polos, or sweaters the following colors are allowed: Red, Navy, Royal Blue, Gray, and White.

LOGO-Can only be located on the front and must be no larger than two inches. No logos on the back or sleeves. No large logos across the front except for college and LCA logos. LCA, college, or clothing brand name logos allowed.

STRIPES-No stripes of any kind (whether on the collar, sleeves, front, or back of the shirt).

POLO SHIRTS-Long or short sleeved styles are allowed. Shirts do not need to be tucked in but, shirts **MUST BE OF SUFFICIENT LENGTH TO NOT SHOW MIDRIF** AT ANY TIME. If the shirt is not long enough when raising your arms up then you cannot wear it to school. Long sleeved shirts under short sleeved polo shirts are allowed in dress code colors only. Same colors listed above.

SWEATERS-All Sweaters must be full zip up or button up cardigan style. Pull over, crew neck, or sweater vests **ARE NOT ALLOWED**. Sweaters must be solid color with a dress code polo shirt underneath (no tank tops, t-shirts, or cami's underneath). Same colors listed above.

SWEATSHIRTS-Solid color crew neck, hooded pullover, ¼ zip fleece, or full zip fleece style sweatshirts are allowed. Hoods are not to be worn in the building. Solid color full zip fleece/sweatshirts must be worn with dress code polo underneath (no tank tops, t-shirts, or cami's underneath). All ¼ zip fleece/sweatshirts, crew neck, or hooded styles do not need to have a polo shirt underneath. Same colors as listed above.

UNDERSHIRTS-Must be dress code colors for all cami's and t-shirts that are underneath polo shirts and non-zip up style sweatshirts. No tank tops of any kind are to be worn during school hours.

BOTTOMS

PANTS-Docker, cords, or cargo style pants only. Capri pants ok for girls. Jeggings must have pockets and not be overly tight.

COLORS-Must be **solid** color: black, brown, tan, khaki, army green, gray, or navy.

MISCELLANEOUS-

- All pants must be worn at the waistline.
- Pants are not to be baggy or overly tight.
- No sweat pants, or overalls.
- No frayed or unhemmed bottoms and the hem must not drag on the ground.
- No leather or false leather pants.
- No pinstripe pants.
- ALL pants need to have pockets in the back.

SHORTS-Must be **solid** color: black, brown, tan, khaki, army green, gray, or navy. Length must be at or below the knee. No jeans shorts allowed.

SKIRTS-Must be **solid** color: black, brown, tan, khaki, army green, gray, navy, or denim. Length must be at or below the knee. No high cut slits are allowed.

MONDAY EAGLE PRIDE DAY

MS Students are allowed to wear blue jeans on Monday only with the following school spirit items listed:

1. Any school sponsored t-shirt (athletic teams, eagle pride, drama club, band, choir, etc). No Life Christian PE or summer camp shirts.
2. Any Life Christian logo wear polo.
3. Any Life Christian logo wear sweatshirt or fleece.
4. Students **ARE NOT** allowed to wear jeans with regular dress code tops.
5. Student's Eagle Pride tops must be visible and not covered up by a non-LCA sweatshirt or sweater. (Can't hide that Eagle Pride!!)
6. **JEANS**-Must be neat, clean, not torn, no holes, patched, frayed, fringed, overly baggy/tight, unhemmed or badly faded.