

HIGH SCHOOL PERSONAL APPEARANCE GUIDELINES 2010-2011

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS FOR OUR DRESS CODE

Because it is the desire of Life Christian School and Academy to maintain an appropriate educational environment, modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are essential. Clothing or hairstyles that distract from the educational process or 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 LCS/A, 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 are allowed to wear their team jerseys or sweatshirts on game days only (except for Friday chapel day). HS and MS cheerleaders or athletic teams can wear their sweat suits on game days Monday-Thursday not on Friday chapel day), **and only if the entire team is dressed in full sweat (top and bottom) gear.**

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 or mustaches 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 of any kind. No slippers.

Coats-Middle school students are not allowed to wear any type of coats in the building during school hours. **High school students are still required to wear dress code tops under their light jackets.** Ski coats or thick winter coats are not allowed for either MS or HS students.

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.

ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE DRESS CODE.

MONDAY EAGLE PRIDE DAY

MS/HS 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. Students are not allowed to wear an LCA t-shirt underneath a non-LCA sweatshirt/jacket with jeans. (Can't hide that Eagle Pride!!)

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

The dress code is set up to reflect modesty, neatness, and school spirit. If the student's clothing does not reflect modesty or neatness, they will be required to remain in the school office until they can change into appropriate clothing or their parents can bring appropriate clothing. Modesty and neatness issues are listed below.

TOPS

MUST BE MODEST-Tops must have a collar or hood, be at least waist length, **show no midriff or cleavage**, no revealing low cut styles, no see through material on any part of the clothing, must have sleeves and not be overly tight or overly baggy.

SWEATERS-Can be cowl neck, turtleneck or crew neck without having to wear a collared shirt underneath. Jackets, blazers and full zip sweaters **MUST** have a collared shirt or camisole underneath. Bare shoulders and undergarment straps must not show. Jackets, blazers & sweaters must remain on at all times unless appropriate dress code attire is underneath.

SWEATSHIRTS-Regular, hooded pullover or ¼ zip fleece/sweatshirts only. Only LCS, college or clothing brand name logos allowed. Full zip sweatshirts must be worn with a collared shirt, collared blouse, polo or dress shirt underneath whether the sweatshirt is zipped up or not.

GIRLS

BLOUSES/POLO SHIRTS/DRESS SHIRTS MUST HAVE A COLLAR & can be any color or pattern that fits the above general requirements for tops. Buttoned up dress shirts must be buttoned up high enough to not reveal a large part of the shirt underneath.

BOYS

POLO/DRESS SHIRTS-Can be any color or pattern that fits the above general requirements. Buttoned up dress shirts must be buttoned up high enough to not reveal a large part of the shirt underneath. Students are not allowed to wear their shirt open. Shirts do not need to be tucked in, but must be of sufficient length to not show the midriff at any time. Shirts on boys may not hang down lower than the inseam of the pants.

*All pants and tops are to be worn to promote modesty; therefore students may be disciplined for clothing that is too tight or too loose in the body.

BOTTOMS

PANTS- Students may wear any **solid** color dockers, cargo, waders, clam digger, or Capri style pants. No leather, false leather, tight, baggy, frayed, un-hemmed, or dragging hem. Pinstriped pants are the only non-solid color pants allowed. Sweat pants are not allowed. **(Pants or shorts should at no time be worn in a way that would reveal undergarments.)**

SHORTS-Can be **neutral** colors, solid, pinstriped, or plaid, and in good taste as determined by the administration. **(No camouflage)**. All shorts **must be hemmed** and the **length must be at or below the knee**.

DRESSES AND SKIRTS (Girls Only)-Any color or pattern. Length must be at or below the knee. Must be worn with a dress code top listed above. No high cut slits allowed.

FRIDAY - CHAPEL DAY

Students are required to dress up. No jeans, sweats, sweatshirts or shorts allowed on chapel days.

GIRLS-skirts with dress code tops listed above or dresses (sweaters over dresses are ok). All dresses and skirts must be at or below the knee. **All items to reflect modesty**. Solid or pinstriped black or gray dress slacks are the only pants allowed on chapel days. Shorts are not to be worn on chapel day.

BOYS-slacks or khaki pants and dress shirts with a cinched up neck tie must be worn on chapel days. Shirts may be untucked as long as they are an appropriate length. No bow ties. Boys can wear non-logo crew neck sweaters or school-designated chapel polo's without a tie. Shorts are not to be worn on chapel day