

# LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# **HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

## 2012-2013

### **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 and/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. 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. 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:**

### **HS DRESS CODE CHANGES FOR 2012-13**

1. Facial hair for boys is allowed as long as neatly trimmed and well maintained.
2. Nose ring for girls (small studs only) and boy's ear rings (small studs only).
3. College sweatshirts for boys and girls are allowed with large and/or small logos (see Tops below).
4. Girls are allowed to wear non-collared shirts as long as they have a sweater, blazer, or light jacket over the top at all times (see Tops below).

### **HS DRESS CODE EMPHASIS FOR 2012-13**

1. **MODESTY WILL BE ENFORCED**-Skirts must be knee length (even with tights or leggings underneath). No midriff and/or cleavage showing at anytime. Boys must keep their pants up around their waist at all times.
2. **Our main goal** as a school with our dress code this year is to be as consistent as possible with enforcing and hold students accountable to follow the dress code throughout the entire year.
3. **Shoes**-No Flip flops, sliders, UGG slippers, or any other type of slippers are to be worn during school hours. This includes shoes with a hard bottom that look like slippers.
4. **No hats or hoods** on in the building at anytime.
5. **Jeans** are only allowed on Monday's Eagle Pride Day (with Eagle Pride top) and may not have holes and/or frayed spots on any part of the jean.
6. **Athletic Game Day Attire** is allowed Monday-Friday including chapel (see athletic game days below).

### **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, and/or musical groups, etc. travel as representatives of LCA, the Dean of Students 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 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 jersey tops and/or team sweat suits (both tops and bottoms) on game days only.

**Accessories**-Hats and sunglasses are not allowed inside the building. 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 or tongue 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**- Facial hair for boys is allowed as long as neatly trimmed and well maintained.

**Shoes**-Shoes must be in good repair and have a back. Laces must be tied and may not have any handwriting on them. No flip flops, sliders, UGG slippers, or any other type of slippers are to be worn during school hours. This includes shoes with a hard bottom that look like slippers.

**Coats**-Students are still required to wear dress code tops under their light jackets. Ski coats or thick winter coats are not allowed.

**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, overly tight, and/or badly faded. Tattoos can not be visible at any time.

**ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE DRESS CODE**

# **TOPS**

## **MISCELLANEOUS-**

- All tops must be at least waist length and showing no midriff and/or cleavage. If the shirt is not long enough when raising your arms up then you cannot wear it to school
- No see through material on any part of the top.
- All tops must have sleeves, no bare shoulders, and undergarment straps must not show.
- T-shirts are not allowed (except V-neck dress tees listed below for girls).
- Light jackets and blazers are allowed. Students are still required to wear dress code tops under their light jackets.
- Ski coats or thick winter coats are not allowed.

**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/or LCA logos. Only LCA, college or clothing brand name logos allowed.

**SWEATERS-**Cowl neck, turtleneck, sweater vests, full zip up, or crew neck sweaters are allowed. Full zip up or sweater vests must be worn with a dress code shirt.

**SWEATSHIRTS-**Regular, hooded pullover or ¼ zip fleece/sweatshirts only. Full zip sweatshirts must be worn with a dress code shirt, collared blouse, polo or dress shirt underneath whether the sweatshirt is zipped up or not.

## **GIRLS**

Collared blouses, polo shirts, and button up dress shirts are allowed. Buttoned up dress shirts and blouses must be buttoned up high enough to not reveal a large part of the shirt underneath. A V-neck dress tee can be worn with a blazer or light jacket over the top and worn throughout the entire school day.

## **BOYS**

Polo shirts and 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.

## **BOTTOMS**

**PANTS-** Students may wear any solid color ducker, cargo, wader, clam digger, or Capri style pants. Pinstriped pants are the only non-solid color pants allowed. Sweat pants are not allowed.

## **MISCELLANEOUS-**

- All pants must be worn at the waistline.
- Pants are not to be baggy or overly tight.
- No sweat pants, overalls, or yoga pants.
- No frayed or unhemmed bottoms and the hem must not drag on the ground.
- No leather or false leather pants.
- Tights and leggings are allowed with a knee length dress code skirt over the top.
- ALL pants need to have pockets in the back.

**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. Skirts must be worn with a dress code top listed above. No high cut slits allowed. Leggings and tights (solid color) are allowed under dress code skirts.

## **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 without a tie. Shorts are not to be worn on chapel day.

## **MONDAY EAGLE PRIDE DAY**

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, sweatshirt, or fleece.
3. Jeans-Must be neat, clean, not torn, no holes, patched, frayed, fringed, overly baggy/tight, unhemmed or badly faded.

Students **ARE NOT** allowed to wear jeans with regular dress code tops. Eagle Pride tops must be visible and not covered up by a non-LCA sweatshirt or sweater (Can't hide that Eagle Pride!!).