

DRESS CODE

The dress code at Lutheran South emphasizes cleanliness, neatness, and modesty in dress as part of the overall goal of maintaining an atmosphere conducive to a Christ-centered education. We desire that students dress modestly and neatly, and avoid all extremes in dress and grooming. In all matters regarding conduct, dress, and overall appearance, the school reserves the right to counsel, reprimand, give detentions, suspend, and even dismiss a student if the student does not cooperate or comply with the school standards.

The school dress code is in effect while the student is on campus. This includes both before the actual school day begins and after the school day ends. It is expected that the student is fully in dress code as soon as he/she enters the campus and remains in dress code until he/she leaves the campus for the day.

Modesty is important and should be followed closely by all students attending Lutheran High South. Outfits that are too tight and/or too revealing are not to be worn. The latest fashion or fad may not fit the dress code. Any male or female clothing that gives a sloppy appearance is inappropriate. Anything that could be interpreted by the school staff as being in “poor taste” will not be allowed.

Some exceptions are made for co-curricular activities but must remain within the parameters of cleanliness, neatness, and modesty in dress.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES FOR BOYS

1. Male students may wear **dress slacks, cotton casual slacks, or corduroys**. Dress slacks do not include leather, denim, or vinyl pants of any kind. Be sure that the casual pants are a cotton material, not nylon. All pants are to be worn at the waist at all times and are to fit properly. They are not to be too tight, too baggy, or too long. Clothes that have rips, frays, holes, etc. are not to be worn. A belt must be worn at all times.
2. Male students may wear straight hemmed **dress shorts**. They are to be a cotton material, not nylon nor denim. The length of the shorts will be no shorter than **2”** from the floor when kneeling. Cut-offs of any kind are not allowed.
3. **Dress shirts** are to be worn daily. All shirts must be tucked in and properly buttoned while on campus on a school day. Small emblems or sayings that can be covered by a 3x5 note card are allowed. Shirts are limited to two emblems. All shirts must be long or short sleeved. Outer layers may be added to dress code shirts (See #5 below).
Acceptable shirts for boys will fit into one of three categories:
 - ✓ Shirts that button from the collar to the waistline.
 - ✓ Shirts that have a fold over collar, such as a golf shirt or polo shirt.
 - ✓ Shirts that have a turtleneck or a mock turtleneck.
 - ✓ Shirts that are school-approved for handbell performances.
 - ✓ Shirts of a dress tee nature with a crew neck.
 - ✓ **School approved spirit wear.**
4. **Plain T-shirts** of any color (no writing of any kind) may be worn only under dress code shirts.

5. **Outer layers** that can be added to dress code tops:
 - ✓ Sweaters (long sleeve or sleeveless sweater vests) may be worn over dress code shirts (not instead of a dress code shirt).
 - ✓ Fleece pullovers (zipper or button in the front) may be worn over dress code shirts (not instead of a dress code shirt). **Pullovers may have a ¼ zipper at the top.**
 - ✓ Fleece vests (zipper or button in the front) may be worn over dress code shirts (not instead of a dress code shirt). **Vests may have a ¼ zipper at the top.**
 - ✓ **School approved spirit wear sweatshirts will be permitted during the school day.**
- Outer layers** that are not to be worn during the school day:
 - ✓ **Outdoor clothing** (jackets, school letter jackets, **SWEATSHIRTS** of any kind **{excluding school approved spirit wear}**, coats, etc.) is not to be worn during the school day (7:55 – 3:10).
6. The length of the **hair** should be styled so that it does not hang over the student's ears, in the student's eyes, or below the shirt collar. Sideburns may extend no lower than to the bottom of the ear. Any extreme hair grooming is not acceptable.
7. Any **dress shoe, tennis shoe, or leather closed-toe sandal** that gives a dressy appearance may be worn. Any type of rubber athletic slide, flip-flop, or beach sandal is not to worn during the school day.
8. **Earrings or fillers** are not to be worn in the building on a school day.
9. **Hats or sunglasses** are not to be worn in the building during the school day (7:55 – 3:10).
10. No **tattoos** may be visible.
11. Boys will be **clean-shaven** at all times.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES FOR GIRLS

1. Female students may wear **dress slacks, cotton casual slacks, or corduroys**. Dress slacks do not include leather, denim, or vinyl pants of any kind. Be sure that the casual pants are a cotton material, not nylon. All pants are to be worn at the waist at all times and are to fit properly. They are not to be too tight, too baggy, or too long. Clothes that have rips, frays, holes, etc. are not to be worn. **Yoga pants or similar pants are not to be worn.**
2. Female students may wear **shirts / tops** that have at least one of the following characteristics. It is these characteristics that make them dress code tops.
 - ✓ **Button Shirts** – shirts that button from the collar line to the waistline.
 - ✓ **Collared Shirts** – shirts that have any type of fold over collar.
 - ✓ **High Neck Shirts** – shirts or sweaters that have a turtleneck or a mock turtleneck.
 - ✓ **Sweaters** – wide ribbed or knit sweaters (various styles). Sleeveless sweater vests may be worn over a boat neck, crew neck, or conservative v-neck dress shirt that has sleeves.
 - ✓ **Crew Neck shirts MUST be worn underneath all tops. NO SCOOP NECKED OR V-NECKED SHIRTS WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A CREW NECK SHIRT UNDERNEATH.**
 - ✓ **School approved spirit wear.**

Details for all girls shirts / tops:

- ✓ All **shirts / tops** are to be conservative and modest. They are not to be too tight, too short, or too low cut at the neckline. **A crew neck shirt MUST be worn underneath all scoop neck and v-neck tops.**
 - ✓ Small **emblems or sayings** that can be covered by a 3x5 note card are allowed. Shirts are limited to 2 emblems.
 - ✓ All female tops must have a **sleeve** of some kind.
 - ✓ All female tops are to **fit properly**, be modest, and conservative (not too tight).
3. Female students may wear straight hemmed **dress shorts**. They are to be a cotton material, not nylon nor denim. The length of the shorts will be no shorter than 2” from the floor when kneeling. Cut-offs of any kind are NOT allowed.
 4. Female students may wear **dresses, skirts, or split skirts** that fit properly. **All dresses and skirts must hang below the knee when standing.** This also includes the top of a split in a dress or skirt.
 5. **Outer layers** that can be added to dress code tops:
 - ✓ **Fleece pullovers** (zipper or button in the front) may be worn over dress code shirts (not instead of a dress code shirt). Pullovers may have a ¼ zipper at the top.
 - ✓ **Fleece vests** (zipper or button in the front) may be worn over dress code shirts (not instead of a dress code shirt). Vests may have a ¼ zipper at the top.
 - ✓ **School approved spirit wear sweatshirts will be permitted during the school day.**
- Outer layers that are not to be worn during the school day:**
- ✓ **Outdoor clothing** (jackets, school letter jackets, **SWEATSHIRTS** of any kind {excluding school approved spirit wear}, coats, etc.) is not to be worn during the school day (7:55 – 3:10).
6. Any extreme **hair grooming** is not acceptable. Female students who choose to change the color or length of their hair must change it to another normal, conservative color and / or length.
 7. Any **dress shoe, tennis shoe, or leather closed-toe sandal** that gives a dressy appearance may be worn. Any type of rubber athletic slide, flip-flop, or beach sandal is not to worn during the school day.
 8. **Earrings** may be worn only in the ears. No other type of body piercing is permitted.
 9. **Hats or sunglasses** are not to be worn in the building during the school day (7:55 – 3:10).
 10. No **tattoos** may be visible.

ENFORCEMENT FOR ALL DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

In addition to teachers doing day-to-day checks to enforce the dress code, the Principal may announce “DRESS CODE CHECKS” at random times of the day throughout the school year. At these times, teachers will check dress code for ANY violations. Violators (or those in question) will be sent to the office. The Principal will make final decisions on violations. To re-enforce proper decisions, detentions will be given for each dress code violation regardless of the severity. **The student must be back in dress code before he/she will be allowed back in class.** Time out of class is unexcused, counts as one of the 14 allowed absences, and **up to a 2%** deduction

from the final quarter grade in each class missed may also be given. Repeat offenders will receive additional school discipline.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE DAILY DRESS CODE

JEANS DAYS - Denim or denim look clothing (jeans, shorts, dresses, skirts, female outfits that include a jacket, etc.) may be worn on special designated days and to co-curricular events only. Administration or staff will announce these dates in advance.