

Dress and Personal Appearance

Lutheran High's dress code could be summarized as follows: neat, clean, decent, and inoffensive to others. If we keep these guidelines in mind, we can take joy and delight in our diversity and individuality. We can use these dress guidelines as a way to learn an important Christian concept – the balance between living in Christ's freedom and considering the rights and feelings of our fellow man. (Romans 14 is a good resource.)

Occasionally, students will be allowed to deviate from the dress code for special occasions (Homecoming, special chapel events, and jeans days). On these days, however, the guideline of neat, clean, decent, and inoffensive to others should still be followed. We realize that questions will sometimes arise concerning a student's dress, appearance, or clothing fads. In these cases, the administration will evaluate the appropriateness of the student's appearance and will determine whether his or her appearance is disruptive to the learning environment or is inappropriate for safety reasons.

Students must obtain written approval from the administrators in advance, if they believe it is necessary for them to wear clothing or appear at school in a way that does not meet the dress code standards.

The following specific guidelines are provided in order to be helpful to students and parents/guardians and must be followed from the time the student enters the campus to when leaving the campus. More casual dress is permissible during extra-curricular events and activities; however, appropriate dress that represents Lutheran High School in a respectable and dignified manner should be worn to home and away sporting events and functions.

Students who violate dress code are required to correct the situation immediately and will be issued a detention.

Prohibited Attire

- Any athletic wear: sweat pants, yoga pants, athletic shorts, or similar
- Tank tops, halter tops, tops with spaghetti straps, tube tops, sleeveless shirts (shoulders must be covered)
- Any top with a plunging or low neckline
- Any top that reveals undergarments
- Any top that reveals a bare midriff or back
- Any clothing with rips, frays, or holes (including cutoffs)
- Caps, hats, and hoods
- Pajamas or underwear worn as an outer garment
- Tattoos, body piercings, hairstyles, and unnatural hair colors that distract from the learning process
- Sunglasses, sweatbands, bandannas
- Form fitting (similar to spandex type clothing)
- Apparel that makes reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, gangs, or other content deemed inappropriate

All Students:

- Saints Wear and Spirit can be ordered from Lutheran High School, for more information see the Saints Wear and Spirit Wear page of our website
- New and gently used Saints Wear can also be purchased on Saints Sign-up Day.
- "Saints Wear" must be approved by the administration. This includes shirts worn underneath a zippered Saints Wear sweatshirt.
- Saints Wear should be clean, in good repair, and not torn or frayed.
- Shirts with long sleeves worn under a short-sleeved shirt may not have any printing or lettering on

the sleeves.

- Coats, jackets and windbreakers may not be worn in the classroom unless they are designated Saints Wear.

Pants, shorts, and skirts:

- Uniform basic, solid-color, corduroy or uniform cargo pants, shorts, skirts, or capris.
- No denim, fleece, or athletic material in pants, shorts, or skirts may be worn.
- Must fit properly and be worn at the waist.
- Shorts and skirts should extend to within 5 inches of the bend in the back of the knee.

Shoes:

- The State of Indiana requires that shoes must be worn at all times in a public building such as a school.
- All shoes must be clean and in good repair.
- Shoes worn in the gym must be a separate pair of shoes that are not worn on the street.
- Cleats or spikes should never be worn in the building as this presents a safety hazard as well as cleanliness problem.

Boys:

- Should be clean-shaven daily. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe.
- SENIORS may have facial hair, but only if kept neatly groomed.
- Hair length should not extend past the bottom of the collar of a shirt or the top of a collarless shirt and should be clean and neat at all times.
- Stud type earrings may be worn in the ear if they are not a hazard during a particular activity. Any type earring that extends beyond the ear itself is not permitted.