

Dress Code Policy

The Loveland Classical Schools dress code policy serves to uphold the vision and mission of the school, minimize distraction, and encourage learning by cultivating an atmosphere of discipline, equality, and respect.

Our students come from diverse backgrounds. In order to create an environment that is welcoming to all, we lay down some of our personal liberties every time we enter the school doors. Clothing, hygiene and appearance should enhance, or at the very least not deter, learning. Just as in the working world there is a uniform for every job, students need to have a uniform suitable for the job of learning. Students must come to school prepared and in uniform. Adults need to be positive role models by always dressing professionally and modestly.

Expectations

Students, faculty, volunteers and staff are expected to have a conservative appearance—projecting a wholesome and traditional image at all times. Parents, faculty, and staff are expected to enforce the dress code throughout the school year, and it will be adhered to unless an exception is approved by the Principal. By signing the dress code agreement students, parents, and faculty commit to the standards outlined in this policy.

Students may wear the items similar to those listed in the uniform catalog or on the list below. Anything not listed may not be worn. All clothing must fit properly and modestly, and adhere to the wholesome, conservative image stated in the dress code purpose. Cross-dressing is not permitted.

Elementary school dress code violations will be handled in class. An upper school student will be sent to the disciplinarian every third dress code violation as a disciplinary referral. The student will call his/her parents for a change of clothes and will serve an after-school detention. At staff discretion, any student who is egregiously out of dress code will be sent to the disciplinarian and will call his/her parents for a change of clothes.

Uniform

The Uniform Catalog offers examples of appropriate uniform clothing from an online retailer. Parents may substitute clothing from other retailers that CLOSELY match these. Be aware that if you substitute from another retailer, you take the risk of your student not meeting uniform requirements if it does not closely match. Please note that the items listed in the catalog do not have a logo, and that will be expected if you choose to purchase from a retailer not listed in the catalog. The dress code catalog is found at:

http://www.lovelandclassical.org/docs/LCS_Dress_Code_Catalog.pdf

Non-Catalog Items:

Underclothing

Underclothing (i.e. under wear, boxers, panties, bras, etc.) should always be worn and never be seen.

Socks/Tights/Hosiery

Students are permitted to wear socks and tights of their choosing as long as the socks or tights do not offend or have any unwholesome messaging. Bold and bright colors and patterns are acceptable. Socks and tights must be suitable for the students' activities during the school day.

Tops/Shirts

Please refer to the Uniform Catalog for styles and colors. Shirts must be long enough to tuck, but do not have to be tucked. Girls are permitted and encouraged to wear camisoles for modesty's sake.

Pants

No Jeans or jean material are allowed. No Leggings or Jeggings are allowed to be worn as pants. Hems may not drag on the ground or be frayed. No cargo pants are allowed.

Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers/Dresses/Shorts

Please see examples in the Uniform Catalog. Shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and dresses must be to the top of the kneecap or longer. Shorts must be worn under all skirts, jumpers, and dresses. No cargo shorts are allowed.

Shoes

Students must wear shoes that are suitable for their activities of the day. Sneakers and other closed-toe shoes are acceptable. Young women may wear 1" heel shoes (closed-toe only). Laced shoes should have one lace per shoe and laces must be tied. Hook and loop (a.k.a. Velcro), toggle, and slip-on are acceptable. No shoes with lights or wheels. When inclement weather dictates, snow boots or other outdoor winter shoes must be removed before entering the classroom and replaced with appropriate shoes.

Hygiene

Grooming and personal care should be taught by the parent in the younger years and expected of older children. Smelly, unkempt children are a distraction to other children and staff. The discipline of good grooming habits is part of being an LCS student. The child should be clean, well groomed, in neat clothes, and physically pleasant to be around. Students must refrain from wearing over-powering perfumes or scents.

Jewelry

Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. Young women may wear a single, stud earring in each ear. Earrings are inappropriate for boys while at school. Young women and men may wear one necklace at a time. A watch or bracelet, including a medical bracelet, is allowed to be worn, one on each arm, by both girls and boys. Jewelry that interferes with learning will be removed and held by the instructor until the end of the day.

Makeup

Students should wear either no makeup or a minimal amount of natural-looking makeup that does not create a distraction for others. They must refrain from makeup that darkens the child's countenance or draws attention away from their bright eyes. Nail colors should be natural and not distracting.

Tattoos/Piercings

Tattoos and non-ear piercings should never be seen at school, so they are not a distraction for others. Henna, markers, and other edible symbols are considered tattoos.

Hair

Students' hairstyles and lengths should reflect the wholesome, traditional, and practical expectations listed in the dress code. Only natural hair colors are acceptable. Hair must be clean and not draw attention to it. Girls' hair accessories must not distract from learning, but may reflect personal style. Boys will refrain from decorating their hair. Hats are not allowed during school hours.

Sweaters/Outerwear

Sweaters like those that are included in the Uniform Catalog are permitted during school hours, but sweaters alone are not acceptable. Other sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece jackets, or pullovers must be removed once inside the classroom. Hoods are not allowed inside the building, including on sweatshirts.

Coats and jackets which are intended for outdoor wear should be removed upon entering the classroom. Outer wear that could be identified with unwholesome groups should be avoided.

Hats and sunglasses should be taken off inside the building.

PE Attire

Physical Education and Gym

Students are to be prepared for the day's activities, including P.E. and Gym. Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to change out of the typical school uniform for P.E. Those who change clothes for P.E. are expected to change back into the school uniform at the end of class. Please see the Dress Code Catalog for examples of approved gym clothing. Students should either wear or bring non-marking sneakers appropriate for running and other P.E. activities on days they have PE class. PE shorts must be a minimum to mid-thigh or longer. Non-collared shirts and shirts with logos smaller than 2 inches are permissible. Logos must be appropriate and be satisfactory to the PE teacher.

PE Non-participation Due to Illness / Injury

Students must provide a note from his/her parent, physician, or SHOA/School Nurse to be excused from participating in PE. Those with a note will be expected to complete an alternate activity or assignment to receive participation credit for the day. Non-participation without a note will not be permitted.

LCS T-Shirts

On the first Monday of each month, students are allowed and encouraged to wear LCS t-shirts. Additionally, high school students are permitted to wear their LCS t-shirts every Monday.

High School Dress Code

In addition to the approved LCS K-8 dress code, high school students have the following privileges and additional options. Please note that anything not addressed will remain the same according to the current LCS K-8 dress code. Students should be in dress code during school hours.

- Button Down Collared Shirts, Polos or Blouses, both short and long sleeved, utilizing the following patterns:
 - Stripes
 - Solids
 - Plaid

- Polka Dots
- Paisley
- Small, appropriate, repeated patterns
- Tight pants will not be able to be worn. The criteria for pants that are too tight will be determined by *ease*. (Note – Ease is defined as the amount of stretch in the fabric available when pulling on the fabric at the thigh level. We recommend 3”-4” total.)
- Corporate Attire:
 - Students may wear a suit, pant suit, or skirt suit should they desire to dress more professionally. If a student chooses to utilize this privilege, they must also follow the requirements below:
 - Required:
 - Matching Shoes
 - Belt
 - Tie or Bow Tie
 - Trouser cut slacks
 - Knee length skirt, if wearing skirt suit
 - Shirt cut no more than three finger width wide from the sternum and no shoulders visible
 - Optional:
 - Sports Coat or Suit Coat
 - Un-collared shirt if blazer is worn over the top
- Corporate Fridays:
 - Students and staff are encouraged to dress in a corporate fashion on Fridays, harkening back to the inaugural graduating class, and their tradition of doing so.
- Dress Code Privileges:
 - The high school corporate dress code is a privilege; it can be revoked for an individual student by a member of the administration. Upon loss of privilege, the student and parents will both be informed, and the student will be required to adhere to the standard LCS dress code.
- In the event of any questions or confusion regarding dress code, please consult the site Principal.
- Athlete Game-Day Clothing:

- Students participating in the athletic program at LCS HS may wear their athletic jerseys on game days. The jerseys should be paired with nice slacks or dress pants. Students participating in athletic programs at other District schools may wear their jerseys from that school to LCS.
- Hats and beanies may be worn outside only. Otherwise, all attire worn outside must be LCS dress code compliant.

- No words, pictures or logos may be on clothes, including shirts and socks.

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