

# STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY

It is the desire of LCA that our students live and conduct themselves in a manner that will be pleasing to God and glorifying to the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Standards for appearance are a means of building character and distinction in the lives of our students. While some aspects of the standardized dress code (SDC) are not biblically mandated, the idea of submitting to God-given authority is a biblical concept. The SDC is not intended to measure spirituality but rather to serve as a tool in fostering the academic and character development of the students as they participate in the business of education.

# **DRESS CODE**

- Modesty is required at all times at any school event or function.
- No tight-fitting or spandex polos.
- All clothing must be modest and unrevealing in cut, fit, and texture.
- The SDC does not require purchasing items from specific vendors.

• Students must be in compliance with the SDC prior to entering school and continue until the end of the school day.

• The SDC is for all school days with exceptions as previously approved by the principal (Spirit Weeks, students with injuries, etc.) and Friday Spirit Dress (defined as Friday Spirit Day outlined below).

**SDC TOPS** – All non-LCA logos must be equal to or smaller than a credit card.

- Solid polo or LCA polo
- Solid oxford (button-up)
- Solid sweater
- Solid zip pullover (1/4 or 3/4) or LCA zip pullover (1/4 or 3/4) pullover
- Solid sweatshirt or LCA sweatshirt (crewneck only)
- Students do not have to tuck in their shirts.

## **SDC SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS & VESTS**

• Students may wear a solid color sweater, sweatshirt, pullover, or zip pullover (1/4 or 3/4) with a logo no larger than a credit card.

• Students may wear LCA logoed sweatshirts (<u>crewneck only</u>) purchased through the school store or LCA team's spirit pack (e.g., athletic team, fine arts program, robotics team, etc.). <u>LCA logoed hoodies can only be worn on Friday Spirit Days. Non-LCA logoed hoodies are not permitted.</u>

• Sweaters, sweatshirts, pullovers, and zip pullovers (1/4 or 3/4) must be full length. Cropped items are not permitted.

• <u>Students must wear a solid polo (or LCA polo) or solid oxford (button-up) underneath sweaters, sweatshirts, or vests.</u>

- These pieces are not required to be tucked in.
- Students may wear an LCA letterman jacket any day of the week.

### **SDC BOTTOMS**

- Khaki or navy chino-style pants or blue jeans (in a singular color) without holes, rips, frays, etc.
- Khaki or navy chino-style shorts (maximum of 3" from top of knee)
- No joggers, skirts or dresses may be worn.
- Belts are optional.

## **SDC SCARVES**

• Students may wear a solid-colored scarf (no patterns) of any material.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

• <u>No open-toe shoes such as slippers, flip flops, sandals, or crocs are permitted.</u> Shoes must have a back. <u>Examples of acceptable footwear include closed toe sneakers, loafers, and boots.</u>

• No outerwear is to be worn in class, excluding sweatshirt material and letterman jackets.

• Hats, hoods, bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, or other pieces of cloth worn as head coverings or sunglasses must not be worn in the building.

• Fads, trends, innovative fashions, extreme hairstyles/hair color, jewelry, make-up and/or clothing, which the principal deems to be potentially disruptive or inappropriate, will not be allowed.

- Visible pierced jewelry is only allowed in the ears for girls. No visible pierced jewelry is allowed for boys.
- No visible tattoos are allowed.
- School attire must be free of suggestive words/pictures, offensive advertisements, holes or frayed designs.

• Boys' hair is not to exceed the middle of the ear on the sides, top of the collar on the back, and top of eyebrows on the front. Facial hair (goatee, beard, and moustache) is not allowed.

### 7-9TH GRADE PE DRESS CODE

• Blue Shirt – Purchased in the Wing Store

• Grey Shorts (maximum of 3" from top of knee) – Purchased in the Wing Store (6th graders can change into the PE shorts but it is not required.)

- Black or Grey Sweatpants (No logos larger than a credit card.)
- Any sweatshirt or hoodie that is allowed in the daily SDC.

## FRIDAY SPIRIT DAY

• On Friday, students may wear an LCA shirt (e.g., t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie) purchased through the school store or LCA team's spirit pack (e.g. athletic team, fine arts program, robotics team, etc.).

- Students may wear SDC pants, shorts, or blue jeans.
- Students may also wear a SDC shirt (e.g., t-shirt, sweater, or sweatshirt) and jeans on Friday.

#### **DRESS UP DAYS**

• Dress up days will be announced in advance. The school principal will outline the dress code.

#### **DRESS DOWN DAYS**

• Dress down days will be announced in advance. The school principal will outline the dress code. This includes school-wide or individual class activities (e.g. service day, field trips, etc.).

#### **INJURED STUDENT DRESS CODE**

• If a student has been injured and cannot dress per the SDC due to a cast, medical boot, splint, etc., then the student or family must make a written request to the school principal/assistant principal to dress according to the modifications listed below.

• LCA colored sweatpants (royal blue, gray, black or white).

• Solid-colored spandex or leggings covered with LCA colored (royal blue, gray, black or white) baggy athletic shorts.

• LCA Spirit Day top purchased through the school store or team's spirit pack.

# **SDC VIOLATION POLICY**

### <u>1st Offense</u>

• Verbal warning issued.

• Violation will be corrected, if possible, if not possible, student will be sent to the office and remain in the office until a parent can help correct the issue.

• Violation reported to administration and documented.

# 2nd Offense

- Written warning issued.
- Violation will be corrected, if possible, if not possible, student will be sent to the office and remain in the office until a parent can help correct the issue.
- Violation reported to administration and documented.
- Parent Communication via email or phone call.

# 3rd Offense

• Violation will be corrected, if possible, if not possible, student will be sent to the office and remain in the office until a parent can help correct the issue.

- Detention assigned.
- Parent Communication via phone call.

# 4th Offense

• Violation will be corrected, if possible, if not possible, student will be sent to the office and remain in the office until a parent can help correct the issue.

- Junior High Tuesday/Thursday Detention assigned.
- Senior High Friday School assigned
- Parent Communication via phone call.

Should any further violations occur, a parent meeting would be scheduled with the principal to discern the underlying problems contributing to the ongoing lack of compliance. The principal will then recommend to the Head of School the actions necessary to bring final resolution to the issue.