

LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
DRESS CODE
2017-18

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS

Life Christian Academy desires to maintain an appropriate educational environment where modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are essential. Clothing and/or hairstyles that distract from the educational process or draw attention are not appropriate. Dress standards are part of all work places and a way for all to demonstrate positive leadership. Christians are encouraged in the Bible to observe principles of modesty, avoid drawing attention to themselves, and glorify God in all their behavior. Extremes in fashions are considered inappropriate and distracting. **Parents are expected to monitor their student's dress.** If a student's clothing does not reflect modesty or neatness, he or she may be required to remain in the school office until he/she can change into appropriate clothing. In cases where parents have questions or have not monitored the student's dress, leading 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. Anything not addressed below is not allowed.**

GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Students at LCA are required to dress nicely every day. Chapel dress may be worn any day of the week and is always required on chapel days and for special, school wide chapel events.

Time Frame—The dress code shall apply to all students from the time they arrive until after they leave campus on school days. Administration, coaches, directors, and advisors reserve the prerogative to establish dress standards, both home and away.

On and Off Campus School Events—When classes, teams, and/or musical groups, etc. travel as representatives of LCA, the administration and/or advisors/coaches 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/Headgear—Hats, hoods and other head coverings, as well as sunglasses, are not allowed to be worn inside the building and should be removed upon entrance. No black nail polish or lipstick for boys or girls. Boys may not wear nail polish of any color. No dog chains, large belt buckles, wallet chains or gothic accessories. Visible piercings are discouraged.

Hairstyle—Hair is to be neat, clean, and out of the eyes. Only a natural hair color will be allowed. Boys' 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 it is neatly trimmed and well maintained. Administration reserves the right to require changes if deemed appropriate.

Shoes—Shoes/footwear are to be worn at all times. Some classes may require closed toe shoes for safety.

Coats—In most cases, coats should be kept in student lockers. If allowed, students who wear light jackets are still required to wear dress code tops under them. Ski coats or thick winter coats are not allowed to be worn inside.

Miscellaneous—**NO BLANKETS are allowed.** Students are not to write or draw on their skin, shoes, or clothing. All attire is to be neat and clean; not torn, patched, frayed, fringed, oversized, un-hemmed, overly tight, and/or badly faded. Tattoos should not be visible. While discouraged, girls may have small stud-only on a nose piercing and boys may have small studs only on an ear piercing.

ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE DRESS CODE AT ANY TIME

TOPS

- All tops must be at least waist length and show no midriff and/or cleavage. If a shirt is not long enough when raising your arms up, then you cannot wear it to school.
- Any material that is sheer, see-through, or transparent must NOT allow the visual appearance of any undergarments.
- All students must wear shirts with sleeves. Tank tops and other sleeveless tops are not allowed, unless under an over-shirt or sweater that stays on all day, and is opaque (i.e. no loose cable knit, transparent, see-through tops, etc. No bare shoulders or undergarments/straps showing).
- Shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters must look nice. Any images, slogans, or logos must be school-appropriate. Any LCA or college t-shirt may be worn any day except chapel days.
- Cowl neck, turtleneck, sweater vests, full zip-up, hooded, or crew neck sweaters/sweatshirts are allowed. Full zip-up or sweater vests must be worn with a dress code shirt, in the event that the vest, sweater or zip-up is removed.
- 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 to be worn inside and must be stored in lockers.
- No camouflage allowed.

BOTTOMS

- All pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waistline (no sagging).
- Pants, jeans, skirts, and shorts may not contain any holes, rips, tears, or be threadbare.
- No frayed or un-hemmed bottoms; the hem must not drag on the ground.
- No leather or false-leather pants.
- No camouflage allowed.

JEANS & PANTS

JEANS may be worn on any day EXCEPT chapel days. Pants are not to be overly baggy or overly tight. Administration will make any determinations as needed. No sweat pants or overalls. **Work-out pants, yoga pants, sweat pants, or skin-tight pants with “stretchy” type material, etc. are NOT ALLOWED.**

SHORTS

Must be no shorter than 4 inches from the knee. Shorts that are not within 4 inches from a student’s knee are not permitted. Can be neutral colors, solid, pinstriped, or plaid, and in good taste as determined by the administration. No camouflage. All shorts must be hemmed.

DRESSES AND SKIRTS (Girls Only)

May be any color or pattern. Length must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. No high-cut slits allowed. Leggings and tights (solid color) are allowed under dress code dresses or skirts. Fashionable leggings that are made to be worn under an appropriate dress code skirt or dress are allowed, as long as the top layer comes down to at least 4 inches above the knee, all the way around.

CHAPEL DRESS

For chapel dress, “take it up a notch!” You should look better than a normal dress day. Dress footwear is preferred. **No jeans, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, flip flops, slides, birks, slippers, etc. are allowed on chapel dress days.**

Boys—Slacks or khaki pants and dress shirts with tie (regular or bow), open-collared BUTTON-UP dress shirt, non-logo V-neck, or crew neck sweaters are allowed. Suits and blazers are allowed and encouraged.

Girls—Skirts with blouses or button up dress shirts (V-neck dress tees allowed), or dresses or slacks (sweaters over dresses/skirts are ok). All dresses and skirts are to be no shorter than four inches above the knee. All items are to reflect modesty. *No cleavage may show.*

VIOLATIONS

First Offense	Verbal reprimand and immediate requirement to comply
Second Offense	Lunch or After School Detention, parent notified
Third Offense	Additional and longer lunch/after school detentions, parent notified
Fourth Offense	Required student/parent conference with administration. Subsequent violations may result in suspension from school and further progressive discipline.