

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Loudonville Christian School relies on parents to assist their children in understanding the many differences that exist in how we understand our “freedoms” while submitting to the policies set forth herein.

Loudonville Christian School expects students to practice spiritual discernment in choices of dress, characterized by modesty and appropriateness. It is our hope that students will internalize these two principles during their time spent here at LCS and continue to use them as self-regulating guidelines in their life.

- Modesty – see 1 Timothy 2:9-10. Biblically, we should carefully choose clothes that will not tempt or defraud another person.
- Appropriateness – We should ask ourselves the following; what is the setting in which I minister as a Christian student? What is the setting in which I worship as a Christian student? What is the setting in which I live (private life) as a Christian student? What is the appropriate outward appearance for a follower of Christ within these settings? Does what I wear on the exterior reflect who I am in the interior?

Loudonville Christian School students will abide by the following standards while enrolled in school:

- Personal Grooming/Appearance Standards

Gentlemen: Hair is to be clean and well groomed, and worn no longer than the top of a dress shirt collar. Extreme color dyes may not be used. Extreme styles such as, but not limited to braids, ponytails, dyes or spikes may not be found. Hair may not touch the eyebrows. Facial hair may not be grown. Earrings and all other forms of body piercing may not be used. Tattoos are strongly discouraged. If a student has a tattoo, it will not be visible in any dress code format, including during athletic competition or play.

Ladies: Hair is to be clean and well groomed. Extreme color dyes may not be used, i.e., bright colors that are unnatural in color. Earrings are permissible, but any other form of body piercing is not. Tattoos are strongly discouraged. If a student has a tattoo, it will not be visible in any dress code format, including during athletic competition or play.

- Dress Up Days

Gentlemen: Dress slacks, docker type pants, corduroys, and other materials acceptable in clean and neat appearance. Jeans, colored jeans, faded style pants or pants that display slogans or expressions are not to be worn. “Baggy or over-sized style” pants are not to be used. Pants will not be worn below the waistline or low

on the hips, and will be worn with a belt when belt loops are present. Collar dress shirts with coordinated ties. All dress shirts will be worn tucked in at all times. Footwear for Grades 7-12: Dress shoes are to be worn for Dress Up Days. All other forms of footwear are not to be worn. In cases of hardship, please notify the Principal.

Ladies: Dresses, suits, skirts, and jumpers, are all acceptable at required length standard. Hemlines of dresses, skirts, and jumpers must not reach above the top of the knee, and slits in the back, side or front may be two inches above the kneecap when standing. Blouses, sweaters, and dress shirts must be modest, not revealing. No midriff can be exposed at any time. Footwear for Grades 7-12: Dress shoes and/or sandals are to be worn. All other forms of footwear are not to be worn. In cases of hardship, please notify the Principal.

- Classroom Dress (Regular Dress)

GENTLEMEN: Shirts - collar dress shirts, collar casual shirts, collarless shirts, but not white underwear shirts. Shirts may not have screen print, heat transfer, or painted designs. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not to be worn. All LCS spirit wear is acceptable.

Pants/Slacks – corduroys, docker type pants, and other materials are acceptable in clean and neat appearance. Pants will not be worn below the waistline or low on the hips. “Baggy or over-sized style” pants are not to be worn. Blue/black jeans or denim jeans are not to be worn. Hats are not to be worn during school hours (7:30 am to 3:00 pm). Walking shorts are acceptable at the beginning of school through October 15 and from April 15 to the end of the school year.

Daily footwear – shoes, sandals or sneakers (no between-the-toe flip-flops or athletic slides).

LADIES: Blouses/Shirts - collar shirts, collarless shirts, but not white underwear shirts. Blouses, sweaters, dress shirts, must be modest, not revealing. No midriff can be exposed at any time. Shirts as noted above may not have screen print, heat transfer, or painted designs. Due to the possibility of underwear showing, tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not to be worn.

Dresses/Pants – skirts, dresses, jumpers, pants, and capri’s are all acceptable at required length. Hemlines of dresses, skirts, and jumpers must not reach above the top of the knee when standing. No midriff can be exposed at any time. All LCS spirit wear is acceptable. Blue/black denim and all types of washed denim pants, jumpers, and skirts are not to be worn. Walking shorts are acceptable at the beginning of school through October 15 and from April 15 to the end of the school year.

Daily footwear - shoes, sandals or sneakers. Rubber athletic slides, between-the-toe flip-flops are not acceptable footwear.

- Dress Down Days

Acceptable dress down attire includes:

Pants: Blue/black denim, camouflage, nylon wind pants (no sweatpants), may be worn.

Shirts: With appropriate screen print and sports logos.

Footwear: Flip-flops for Grades 7-12 only.

The following attire will not be allowed at any time (I.e. sleeveless, short shorts/skirts, midriff showing immodest necklines, etc.).

- Athletic Dress (Physical Education Classes, Intramurals, Active Recreation)

Gentlemen and Ladies: Any athletic wear supplied by the school to the student, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, modest sleeveless shirts (no muscle shirts), shorts (no shorter than mid thigh). Spandex and leggings are acceptable only when worn with shorts over them. Not acceptable: bathing suit style tops or bottoms are not to be worn. Footwear - sneakers, tennis shoes or athletic sandals may be worn while in a LCS sports uniform or practice gear.

- All dress requirements of students are in effect while students are on the LCS school campus, at an event where our school is represented, and/or any LCS school-sponsored event. Putting on “non dress code” attire will not be allowed at any time.
- In all situations where immodesty exists, the student will change before being allowed to continue in classes.
- Depending upon the severity and/or reoccurring nature of the infraction, dress code violations will be administered as follows:
 - Verbal Warning – Homeroom Teacher calls Parent(s)
 - Written Warning
 - Change of Clothes and Parental Conference
 - Suspension
 - Expulsion