



# LOUDONVILLE

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE 2023-2024

#### DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

There is a correlation between a student's decorum and attitude and his/her manner of dress. There is a wide range of available clothing that reflects a positive attitude and appearance. We ask that LCS upper school students wear clothing that is clean, neat, appropriate and professional. Clothing and other items our students wear must not disrupt the educational process, create safety concerns or create any distraction.

We understand that students/ families come from unique and diverse backgrounds. If your cultural background has a particular style that is not able to be expressed within our dress code please speak with the Director of Upper School.

#### Objectives

1. LCS acknowledges that one's outward appearance does not define an individual, but it does express our ideas, posture, style, and values. We are a community that expects excellence and experiences Christ. Our dress should reflect excellence and Christ.
2. We are an independent preparatory school. After graduation we want students to be prepared in every way to enter college, the military or the workforce. This includes how to present oneself to others in these settings. We want students to learn how to dress professionally.
3. Character building is deeply valued at LCS, and our dress code is part of that initiative. The dress code provides a platform for students to grow in respect, humility, wisdom, integrity, and diligence. For example, students have the opportunity to grow in wisdom as they evaluate what is appropriate to wear to school. Where students disagree with dress code policy, they have the opportunity to grow in humility and learn respect for community guidelines.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Middle School **Daily** Dress Code

#### **Girls:**

##### **Tops**

- Polo or collared button up shirt
- Any top from the LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online (upper school clothing only) can be worn over your polo or collared button up shirt.
- A hoodie or sweatshirt in good repair with no inappropriate graphics or text; no hoods up
- Dresses and skirts **no** shorter than mid thigh; **no** body-hugging (body con) dresses and skirts; no athletic skorts  
**(mid-thigh is 2-3 inches above the top of your knee cap)**

##### **Bottoms**

- Jeans (no blue jeans), chinos/khakis/joggers or dress pants
- Skirt no shorter than mid-thigh (must buy from LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or from the online store)

##### **Footwear**

- Sneakers, canvas shoes, dress shoes/boots

## Guys:

### Tops

- Polo or collared button up shirt
- Any top from the LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online (upper school clothing only) can be worn over your polo or collared button up shirt.
- A hoodie or sweatshirt in good repair with no inappropriate graphics or text; no hoods up

### Bottoms

- Jeans (no blue jeans), chinos/khakis/joggers or dress pants

### Footwear

- Sneakers, canvas shoes, dress shoes/boots

### Applies to both guys and girls:

- **Any LCS branded upper school clothing in the LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online ( worn appropriately).**

### Physical Education Classes

- Students must wear the LCS PE uniform found at the LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online.

### Additional Guidelines

- Clothing must fit reasonably and be in good repair, no rips or tears.
- Clothing must not be screen printed. Clothing must not have logos, slogans, words, or pictures promoting or depicting violence, profanity, racism, alcohol, drugs, or sexual connotations. This includes clothing with phrases or pictures that have double meanings.
- Clothing must cover cleavage, midriff and undergarments.
- No hooded clothing. Hats or hoods cannot be worn.
- Dresses and skirts **no** shorter than mid thigh; **no** body-hugging (body con) dresses or skirts
- Face must be clean shaven.
- Body piercings can include ears and nose.

## Middle School **Casual** Dress Code

Applies to designated casual/dress down days only. Typically designated one day a week

- Hoodies may be worn
- Sweatshirts may be worn
- T-shirts
- Blue jeans
- Denim, chino, or other professional shorts (**no athletic shorts**), **no** shorter than mid-thigh
- **NO** leggings, pajama pants; sweatpants in good repair are acceptable
- Clothing must fit reasonably and be in good repair, no rips or tears.
- Clothing must not have logos, slogans, words, or pictures promoting or depicting violence, profanity, racism, alcohol, drugs, or sexual connotations. This includes clothing with phrases or pictures that have double

meanings.

- Clothing must cover cleavage, midriff and undergarments.

## Middle School **Formal** Dress Code

Applies to designated formal dress days only.

- Dress pants or chinos with belt (colors: black, khaki, white)
- Buttoned up dress shirt, worn tucked in (no polos) with a bowtie or tie
- Dress or skirt (must buy from LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online), no shorter than mid thigh
- Dress shoes or clean appropriate footwear

## HIGH SCHOOL

### High School **Daily** Dress Code

#### **Girls:**

##### **Tops**

- Collared shirt(polo shirts)
- Dress blouses(**no** cleavage revealed; **no** bra strap showing at all)
- Sweaters, cardigans, shackets, blazers, sports jackets, quarter zips
- A hoodie or sweatshirt in good repair with no inappropriate graphics or text; no hoods up
- Dresses and skirts **no** shorter than mid thigh; **no** body-hugging (body con) dresses and skirts; **no** athletic skorts(tennis/golf); **(mid-thigh is 2-3 inches above the top of your knee cap)**

##### **Bottoms**

- Jeans (no blue jeans), chinos/khakis or dress pants
- Skirts – no shorter than mid thigh

##### **Footwear**

- Sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes/boots

#### **Guys:**

##### **Tops**

- Collared shirt(polo shirts); business casual or dress shirts
- Sweaters
- No t-shirts
- A hoodie or sweatshirt in good repair with no inappropriate graphics or text; no hoods up

##### **Layering Options (can be worn over any top in dress code)**

- Sweaters
- Sweater vests/dress vests

- Sport Jackets/ Blazers
- Cardigans; shackets; quarter zip fleece
- A hoodie in good repair with no inappropriate graphics or text; no hoods up

### **Bottoms**

- Jeans (no blue jeans), chinos/khakis, khaki joggers, or dress pants

### **Footwear**

- Sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes/boots

### **Daily Dress information that applies to both guys and girls:**

- **Any LCS branded upper school clothing in the LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online ( worn appropriately).**

### **Physical Education Classes**

- Students must wear the LCS PE uniform found at the LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online.

### **Additional guidelines**

- Clothing must fit reasonably and be in good repair, no rips or tears.
- Clothing must not be screen printed. Clothing must not have logos, slogans, words, or pictures promoting or depicting violence, profanity, racism, alcohol, drugs, or sexual connotations. This includes clothing with phrases or pictures that have double meanings.
- Clothing must cover cleavage, midriff and undergarments.
- No hooded clothing. Hats or hoods cannot be worn.
- Face must be clean shaven.
- Body piercing can include ears and nose.

## **High School Casual Dress Code**

Applies to designated casual/dress down days only. Typically designated one day a week

- T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts
- Blue jeans
- Denim, chino, or other professional shorts(**no athletic shorts or tennis skirts**), **no** shorter than mid-thigh
- **NO leggings or pajama pants; sweatpants in good repair are acceptable**
- Clothing must fit reasonably and be in good repair, **no** rips or tears.
- Clothing must not have logos, slogans, words, or pictures promoting or depicting violence, profanity, racism, alcohol, drugs, or sexual connotations. This includes clothing with phrases or pictures that have double meanings.
- Clothing must cover cleavage, midriff and undergarments.

## **High School Formal Dress Code**

Applies to designated formal dress days only.

- LCS Blazer (must buy from LCS Student Styles Store in Latham - blazer must be tailored to the student measurements)
- LCS Tie (must buy from LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online)
- Button up dress shirt - white or black, worn tucked in
- Dress pants or chinos with belt (colors: black, khaki, white, gray)
- Skirt (must buy from LCS Student Styles Store in Latham or online), no shorter than mid thigh
- Dress shoes

Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for choosing clothing that meets the guidelines outlined above. Enforcement of the dress code is the responsibility of teachers with final decisions given by the administration at their discretion. With the support and cooperation of our students, parents, and staff, we know that LCS will continue to be a positive and productive learning environment.