

LCA's DRESS CODE

The dress code has been established in order to contribute to a positive learning environment. Parents and students carry the primary responsibility to comply with and support the school's dress code.

Modesty, neatness and Christian testimony should guide dress for all occasions. Good grooming should be a mark of every LCA student. If any student or parent has questions about clothing or hairstyles, the Administration will be glad to help. It is always best to check in advance.

There is no dress code as such for **Preschool**, although students must abide by the school hair and jewelry code.

The Administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding dress code.

LCA'S APPROVED UNIFORM STORE

Educational Apparel 3906 Brown Park Drive, Hilliard Ohio 614-876-3030, www.educationalapparel.com

Logging on to their web site will show the LCA approved styles. If you shop from other vendors, please compare your selections with those that have been approved from Educational Apparel. The particular items you are purchasing must be consistent in fabric, style and fit with those that have been approved from Educational Apparel, and they must align with all dress code guidelines.

CHAPEL DAY DRESS (Grades 6-12)

Girls Uniform skirt and shirt (no shorts on chapel days)

Boys Uniform pants or dress pants, with a dress shirt and coordinating tie. The tie must be worn until lunchtime if chapel is in the morning or until after school if it is in the afternoon. (no shorts on chapel days)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Grades 3-12)

Boys and girls in grades 3-12 are required to change into their gym uniform for all gym classes.

FRIDAYS OR SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Uniforms can be modified on Fridays to include approved LCA spirit wear. Spirit wear shirts must be purchased through the school. Requirements for uniform bottoms and footwear remain the same.

SCHOOL SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENTS

The Administration will always provide dress guidelines in writing for LCA social events. Students and their guests are expected to maintain the school standards of modesty. Modesty, neatness and Christian testimony should guide dress for all occasions. School officials reserve the right to exclude any person from an event who does not honor appropriate dress standards.

DRESS CODE/HAIR CODE ENFORCEMENT

Students violating the dress code will receive a dress code violation form to be signed by a parent and returned to school. After 4 violations in a semester a student must serve an after school detention. Students may be sent home for a blatant violation of dress code.

In the case of a hair code violation, students will be given 3 days (including the day of violation) to get it corrected.

LCA GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

- Clothing items may be purchased from various local vendors as long as they are consistent in fabric, style and fit with those that have been approved from Educational Apparel. **However, girls' skirts and elementary jumpers must be purchased through Educational Apparel.** A dress code violation will be issued for items noticeably different. Cargo pants, denim, skinny pants, etc. are NOT permitted.
- No outerwear jackets, hats or boots are to be worn in the classrooms.
- All shirts must remain tucked in and buttoned completely except for the top button.
- Students are expected to avoid extremes in clothing and hairstyles, so as not to draw undue attention to oneself.
- LCA students are to arrive at school in uniform as defined by the dress code guidelines and are to remain in uniform until dismissal.
- **Pants** - Navy or khaki consistent with Educational Apparel uniform fabric, style and fit. Cargo pants, denim, skinny pants, etc. are NOT permitted.
- **Walking Shorts** - Navy or khaki consistent with Educational Apparel uniform fabric, style and fit, and cannot be higher than 2" above the knee or lower than the bottom of the knee. Cargo, denim or skinny shorts, etc. are NOT permitted.
- **Polo Shirts** - Purchased through Educational Apparel with LCA crest for Middle School/High School.
- **Sweaters/Vests** - Consistent with Educational Apparel uniform fabric, style, fit and colors.
- **Sweatshirts/Fleece** - Purchased through Educational Apparel with LCA crest.
- **Socks** - Students must wear socks in solid colors.
- **Undergarments** - Proper undergarments must be worn at all times and must not be visible in any way.
- **Shoes** - All colors of athletic shoes are within dress code. Shoes must be laced and tied. Heels/soles should not exceed 2" in height. Shoes must be fully enclosed. Boots of any type are not to be worn in the classroom.

GIRLS' DRESS CODE (Grades K-12)

Skirts School skirts, and elementary jumpers must be purchased through Educational Apparel. Skirt must touch the top of the knee.

Tights/Leggings Tights and ankle-length leggings are permitted in a solid color, with no patterns or designs.

Jewelry/Scarves Earrings are the only pierced jewelry permitted and are limited to two earrings per ear. Bracelets may be worn if conservative in style and not distracting to the classroom setting (i.e. no clanking bracelets). All jewelry is to be simple and must be inoffensive to the Christian faith. Scarves are not permitted.

Hair Must be kept clean and well groomed. Shaved or masculine haircuts are not permitted for girls. Hair styles must be neat and styled in a manner that hair does not fall into the eyes. Hair dying (unnatural colors), bleaching or styles that draw undue attention are not permitted. Any hair coloring should only complement existing color.

Nails/Body Art Makeup and nail polish is permitted, but must not draw undue attention. Visible tattoos or body piercing are not permitted. Students may not write on any part of their bodies including arms, hands, etc.

BOYS' DRESS CODE (Grades K-12)

Belts A belt is required with uniform pants and shorts for Middle School/High School boys. Belts need to be plain and of one solid color that coordinates with the uniform. Belts are intended to keep pants at the waist; therefore pants may not be worn below the waist in a "slouching" or "sagging" position.

Jewelry No earrings or other pierced jewelry of any kind. All jewelry must be inoffensive to the Christian faith.

Hair Must be kept clean and well groomed. Hair length must be cut and styled so that the hair does not fall into the eyes. Hair may be no longer than the top of the ear on the sides and above the collar in the back. Designs shaved into the hair, and partially or fully shaved heads, tails, "bed-head" or "messy look" is NOT acceptable. Hair dying (unnatural colors), bleaching or styles that draw undue attention are not permitted. Any hair coloring should only complement your existing color.

Facial Hair Students must be clean-shaven at all times. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear.

Body Art Visible tattoos or body piercing are not permitted. Students may not write on any part of their bodies including arms, hands, etc. Boys are not permitted to wear makeup or nail polish.