



## STUDENT DRESS CODE (2021-2022)

The standards that are set forth are not necessarily intended to convey what is right or wrong in the sight of God, but instead are standards that reflect modesty and appropriateness for the LCA community in keeping with the values and philosophy of our school (I Cor. 6:12). Commitment to these standards by parents, students, and teachers enhances the central purpose of LCA in developing socially responsible young people.

All clothing is to be modest, clean, and in good repair. As a reflection of a heart desire to honor God and the school, it is understood that all dress code guidelines apply while on campus *and* at all school events.

### A. Pre-School

Pre-School students are expected to wear clothing that is modest and appropriate for the kind of activities in which students participate. Tights, leggings, or jeggings are not permitted unless worn under a skirt or dress. Although not required, items may be purchased through *Lands' End*.

### B. Kindergarten through Grade 2

Students are required to wear tops purchased through *Lands' End* in accordance with established styles and colors. Students, who choose to wear shorts, must purchase them through *Lands' End*. Skirts and/or jumpers, if worn, must be worn with shorts (purchased through *Lands' End*), tights or leggings. Tights or leggings may be purchased from any retailer. Although not required, additional items may be purchased through *Lands' End*.

Students are permitted to wear jeans, pants, or skirts purchased from any retailer. Tights, leggings, or jeggings are not permitted unless worn under a skirt or dress. Sweat pants or "skinny" jeans are not permitted.

### C. Grades 3 through 12

#### Gentlemen:

All clothing, except socks, shoes, and belts must be purchased through *Lands' End* uniform site and in accordance with established styles and colors. Any appropriately sized clothing listed on the LCA-*Lands' End* website is acceptable and in accordance with LCA's standardized dress code.

**Pants:** Pants must be worn with a belt and at the natural waistline. Gentlemen may select pants in navy or khaki.

**Shorts:** Shorts are as appropriate during the months of September, October, April, May, and June. Shorts must be worn with a belt and worn at the natural waistline. Gentlemen may select shorts in navy or khaki.

**Shirts:** Long or short-sleeved oxford style (light blue and white) and embroidered knit polo-style shirts (navy, grey, or red with school monogram) are standard. Oxford style shirts must be worn tucked in; knit polo-style shirts may be worn untucked, if worn with an undershirt that is tucked in.

**Formal Dress (applies to grades 6-12, only):** Gentlemen are to wear long pants (khaki) with a belt, oxford shirt (white), tie (plaid), school blazer or V-neck sweater, and dress shoes.

Ladies:

All clothing, except socks, tights or leggings, shoes, and belts must be purchased through Lands' End and in accordance with established styles and colors. Any appropriately sized clothing listed on the LCA-Lands' End website is acceptable and in accordance with LCA's standardized dress code.

**Pants:** Pants must be worn with a belt and at the natural waistline. Ladies may select pants in navy or khaki.

**Skirts:** The appropriate length of a skirt is no shorter than one inch above the knee and such that it remains modest when seated. Ladies may select skirts in navy, khaki, or plaid. Skirts must be worn with shorts (purchased through Lands' End), tights or leggings (solid colors: navy, gray, white, black). Tights or leggings may be purchased from any retailer.

**Tops:** Long or short sleeved white buttoned-down blouses or oxford style shirts, and embroidered knit polo-style shirts (navy, gray, or red with school monogram) are standard. Oxford style shirts must be worn tucked in; blouses and knit polo-style shirts may be worn untucked, if worn with an undershirt that is tucked in.

**Formal Dress (applies to grades 6-12, only):** Ladies are to wear a plaid skirt, white blouse or oxford, school blazer or V-neck sweater, navy tights, and dress shoes or dress boots.

Outerwear

Lands' End or other sanctioned embroidered sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleeces (navy with school monogram) are permitted in classrooms. Outdoor jackets may not be worn indoors.

## **D. Physical Education and Athletic Teams**

Physical Education

A gym uniform (T-shirt, shorts, track or wind pants, NO cotton sweatpants) purchased through Lands' End is required on gym days. Students are encouraged to wear their gym uniform to school on scheduled gym days.

Team Sports

Athletes must dress according to Formal Dress code for all away games and stay dressed as such until changing into athletic uniforms at the host school. (At the coach's request, students may travel to away games in athletic uniforms.)

Athletes may wear their team jersey or tops on home game days, provided other requirements of the dress code are met. Where meeting other aspects of the dress code is not possible (eg. sleeveless tops), athletes are encouraged to purchase and wear approved long-sleeve warm-up jerseys.

## **E. TimberNook**

Warm Weather. During warm weather (September, October, April, May, June, generally) students participating in TimberNook on TimberNook days should be dressed as follows:

- Orange TimberNook T-shirt and/or sweatshirt
- Shorts purchased through *Lands' End* or loose fitting long pants (quick dry, NO cotton)
- Sturdy outdoor shoes
- Long socks that can be pulled up over pants to protect from ticks
- Rain jacket (available as necessary)

Cool/Cold Weather. During the colder months (November, December, January, February, and March, generally), students participating in TimberNook on TimberNook days should be dressed as follows:

- Non-cotton base layers (fleece, wool, polypropylene)
- Warm waterproof/resistant winter jacket
- Snow pants
- Snow boots (tall, insulated, and waterproof)
- Snow gloves (two pairs are highly recommended)
- Wool socks (two pairs are highly recommended)
- Warm winter hat

Other important information about gearing up for TimberNook is provided by the TimberNook staff during the month of August.

## **F. Other Considerations**

1. Footwear must be worn at all times. Clogs and casual shoes are appropriate; sneakers or skate shoes must be tied and in good repair. Heels may be no more than two inches in height. Sandals must have back strap support. Flip-flops, beach shoes, strapless sandals, slides, and mules are not permitted.
2. The school dress code applies to all school events and activities. At special functions (e.g. awards ceremonies, concerts, and art shows) formal dress code is required. At sporting events "dress down" attire is acceptable.
3. "Dress-down" days allow students in grades 6-12 to wear blue jeans (in good repair with no rips, tears or frays), LCA hoodies (pull-over or zip-up), or LCA tee-shirts. Revealing styles (short shirts, low-cut tops, or form-fitting clothing) are not permitted. Typically, students who elect to dress-down are charged \$1 for each dress-down day (collected fees are deposited into the LCA Mission Account in support of the junior/senior trip).

4. No occult symbol or sexually explicit jewelry are to be worn at school or school events.
5. Earrings and bandanas are not to be worn by gentlemen.
6. Neither hats, nor hoods, nor bandanas may be worn by ladies or gentlemen at any time inside any school buildings. Appropriate hats are permissible at indoor sporting events.
7. Tattoos, body painting, excessive jewelry, and body piercing are not permitted.
8. Book-covers and backpacks should reflect the basic standards and spirit of the dress code.
9. Hair should be well kept, a natural color, and kept out of the eyes.

**G. Consequences for Violations**

1. First and Second Offense. A warning and Disciplinary Referral Form will be issued to the student inform the parents/guardians that the student's clothing was inappropriate for school.
2. Third and Subsequent Offenses. The student will be required to be in Formal Dress code for a period of one week following the third and subsequent infractions.
3. Habitual Offenders. Additional non-compliance will be handled through the disciplinary code and may result in suspension or expulsion.