

Appearance Standards

Lake Christian Academy maintains an official standard of modest dress both for academy and academy-related functions. We believe in a dress code for several reasons:

1. We desire that our students reflect the best possible image of our school and of the Lord.
2. To underscore the academy's seriousness of purpose by encouraging students to think of their attire as an aspect of their work.
3. To eliminate the self-consciousness and peer competition and pressure that fashion trends promote.
4. To encourage a sense of identity with the Academy and among the students as a group.
5. To show respect to all age groups, denominations, and the opposite sex.

Because of the wide differences in backgrounds and spiritual preferences/convictions, acceptance and cooperation are very important. Our desire is that the dress code be one that contributes to a distinctive Christian education and promotes an effective learning environment. Our dress codes are designed to promote a high level of personal character and appearance. It is important to understand that if we do not allow a particular article/style of clothing or dress, we are not saying the item is wrong to wear at other times – just not to school. Our dress code is not designed to support or encourage the latest fashion trends and fads. This means that clothing bought at some of the popular clothing stores may not meet our standards. Decisions regarding clothing choices are, at times, very complex. Because styles change frequently, we cannot anticipate and cover every possible fashion style ahead of time. Developing a dress code that is all-encompassing is nearly impossible. In all dress code issues, the administration reserves the right to make the final decision on the appropriateness of clothing and appearance. The administration also reserves the right to make adjustments to the dress code should the need arise. We recognize that families, and sometimes school officials, interpret the dress code in a different manner. We realize that consistency and fairness are vital to having an effective dress code. Yet, there is a grave danger in giving the impression that externals are more important than internals (“the hidden man of the heart” – I Peter 3:4). We desire, with your help, to let our young people know that who they are in Christ is most important.

The administration will make the final decision on the appropriateness of a student's dress and appearance. Students violating the code will be dealt with as quickly as possible. If necessary, the student may be sent home to change or not be allowed to attend class until a change of clothing can be made available. *

Elementary Students: PreK-6th Grade

- Polo Shirts and Oxford shirts – Polo shirts in solids, true red, white, and navy shirts are permitted. White oxford shirts are permitted.
- Slacks– Slacks are defined in Webster's dictionary as loose or less tight trousers fastened at the waist. Slacks may be khaki or navy in color. **We do not allow “skinny” or “skin tight” stretchy pants.** Extra embroidery, stitching, or adornments are not allowed.
- Skirts and Jumpers – Girls may wear solid colored khaki or navy skirts or jumpers. Make sure the length touches the knee when standing.
- Bermuda Shorts and Capri Pants – Uniform khaki or navy bermuda-length shorts (no more than 2” above the knee) and capris may be worn.
- LCA T-Shirts- T-shirts purchased and previously purchased directly from LCA may be worn. They may not be altered in any way.
- LCA Sweatshirts and Hoodies – Sweatshirts and hoodies purchased from the Academy may be worn. Sweatshirts and hoodies may not be cut or altered. A uniform polo, oxford shirt, or LCA logo T-shirt must be worn under the sweatshirt or hoodies. No other sweatshirts or hoodies are allowed.

- Cardigan Sweaters/Blazers & Ties Welcome - Red, white, grey or navy cardigan sweaters may be worn over a uniform polo or oxford shirt.
- Other Sweaters –Sweaters must be solid red, white, navy or grey. **NO OTHER OUTER APPAREL WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CLASSROOM.**
- Shoes – Roller shoes and open-toe shoes are not allowed. Students should wear a tennis/sport shoe **when on the gym floor.**

Jr. High & High School Students: 7th-12th Grade & Online Students

- Slacks– Slacks are defined in Webster’s dictionary as loose or less tight trousers fastened at the waist. Slacks may be khaki or navy in color. Skin tight bottoms or “skinny” slacks/shorts of any kind are not allowed. Extra embroidery, stitching, or adornments are not allowed.
- Professional Appearance-A belt is to be worn.
- LCA T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies- T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies purchased and previously purchased directly from LCA may be worn. T-shirts and polos must be tucked in at all times. They may not be cut or altered in any way.
- Polos and Oxford Style Shirts - Solid colored polos in true red, navy and white may be worn tucked in. White oxford style shirts may be worn tucked in.
- Skirts – Girls may wear solid colored khaki or navy skirts. Skirts must touch the knee or fall below the knee when standing.
- Shorts and Capri Pants – Uniform khaki or navy shorts (Bermuda style or shorts that are 2” or less above the knee) and capris may be worn. No skinny or skin tight shorts will be allowed.

Hair must be clean without distractive styles or colors. Boys’ hair should be above the eyebrows, trimmed neatly on the sides, and off the ears and collar. Boys may not highlight or dye hair from its natural color. Students shall not wear tattoos (temporary or permanent) or body piercing other than earrings for girls. No excessive or distractive jewelry is allowed. Girls in grades K-6 may not wear facial make-up.

“We are God’s handiwork.” ([Ephesians 2:10a NIV](#))

“Do not allow this world to mold you into its own image.” ([Romans 12:2a The Voice](#))

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness (spiritual training) is of value in everything.” ([1 Timothy 4:8](#))

“Women should adorn themselves modestly and appropriately and sensibly in seemly apparel, not with elaborate hair arrangement or gold or pearls or expensive clothing,” ([1 Timothy 2:9 AMP](#))

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” ([Philippians 2:5 NIV](#))

“Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble’” ([1 Peter 5:5](#))

“It should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight” ([1 Peter 3:4 NIV](#))

**Some ideas and elements adapted from Calvary Christian, Covington, Kentucky*

Dress Code, A Visual 2017-2018

7th-12th Grades

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We have simplified the dress code for the next calendar year, that said we have also included a few photos to help define terms.

Solid Polo:



Not Solid, Not Allowed:



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Slacks or Trousers:



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Skinny or Tight Pants, Not Allowed:



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