

LIFE! Lutheran School Dress Code Policy

Dress Code Benefits

LIFE! Lutheran School has adopted a mandatory dress code for all students (Pre-school-8th). There are many positive reasons for a school dress code, including:

- A dress code encourages students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances
- A dress code puts the focus on academics, not fashion, because they project a neat, serious, business-like image
- Schools with dress codes have fewer discipline problems because students aren't distracted
- Dress codes can be less expensive
- Dress codes eliminate the visible differences between needy and wealthy children
- Dress codes eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing, "gang colors," etc.
- Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging

Bottoms: Khaki, Black, or Blue Jeans

- Walking Shorts, Slacks, Skorts, Skirts, Jumpers
- Must be Khaki or Blue Denim fabric; cargo pants, athletic shorts or pants, and leggings are not acceptable
- Must be void of tears and holes

Tops: Solid Colored with collar

- Must have long or short sleeves; no sleeveless tops

Other Dress Code Rules

- Shorts/skirts and Jumpers must be mid-thigh or longer.
- Shoes must be safe and appropriate-no opened toed or opened back shoes or high heels of any sort.
- Clothes must be appropriate in size, with waist of garment worn at student's waist.
- Clothing that is too tight or too loose is not appropriate for school.
- **LIFE! Staff will determine if clothing is appropriate. Students not in compliance with dress code will be asked to change and will be unable to participate in their class schedule until changes are made. Parents will be notified to bring their child a change of clothes. Upon second offense a written referral will be given.**
- Dress Code will be followed Monday-Thursday. Friday will be free dress day. Friday's clothes must still be appropriate in size and length and void of offensive language. Sleeveless shirts, holes in clothing and sandals of any kind will still not be allowed on Fridays.
- Church attire is appropriate for chapel day(Wednesdays). The only day that dresses would be allowed.

Winter/Cold Weather

On very cold days, students who walk, bike, etc. may need to wear sweatpants, etc. over their school clothes on their way to/from school. However, any clothing that doesn't meet dress code requirements must be removed before school begins.

Jackets, sweaters, coats, etc.

- May not be disruptive, distracting, display offensive language/symbols, etc.
- School staff may ask students to remove jackets
- Any pullover garment that is worn all day (sweater, sweater vest, sweatshirt) should:
 - have a collar OR be worn with a collared uniform shirt
 - must be solid colored
 - must not have any decoration (small logos are OK)

As a LIFE! School parent, I have read the school dress code policy and agree to follow the dress code.

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Child's Signature _____

Date _____