

OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL, STUDENT DRESS CODE (Grades K-8)
2022-2023

For clarification: All shirts (for both boys and girls) must have functional buttons at the neck and/or a collar.

Sweaters and turtlenecks are also acceptable.

All tops may be solid-colored or have a regular geometric pattern such as stripes, plaid, or polka dots.

ACCEPTABLE DRESS

UNACCEPTABLE DRESS

Boys Tops:

Dress shirts, Oxfords, Polo style, turtlenecks, sweaters, Henley style, and band-collared shirts.

Boys Bottoms:

Solid-colored slacks, jeans

Boys Tops:

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, camouflage patterns

Boys Bottoms:

Skinny jeans, warm-ups, athletic pants, sweatpants, ski-type, camouflage pants, or saggy pants

Girls Tops:

Dress shirts, Oxfords, Polo style, turtlenecks, sweaters, Henley style shirts, and band-collared shirts, dresses (*hand rule* applies on all tops)

Girls Bottoms:

Solid-colored slacks and jeans; skirts and jumpers (*skirt rule* applies).

Solid color leggings may be worn under skirt that meets the *skirt rule*.

Girls Tops:

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, sleeveless shirts or dresses; Camouflage patterns; any shirt that shows the midriff, cleavage, shoulder, or back area (no keyhole design shirts)

Girls Bottoms:

Warm-ups, sweatpants, yoga pants, athletic pants, stretch pants, stirrup pants, jeggings-style pants, low-cut pants, camouflage pants, tight fitting pants/skirts, short skirts

Hand rule: No scoop tops on shirts or dresses that begin lower than the hand when placed at the base of the neck (applies to both front and back of top). No buttons unbuttoned below the bottom of the hand when placed at the base of the throat.

Skirt rule: Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the floor when kneeling.

Dresses do not have to have working buttons at the neck and/or a collar, but dresses must follow both the hand rule and skirt rule (see above).

GENERAL:

*Clothing must be clean and in good repair. Torn or ragged type clothing is not allowed.

*No chains allowed on clothing.

*Shoes can be open-toed but must have a back on them (safety). No winter boots are to be worn in the classrooms.

*Shorts may be worn from May 1st to September 30th. Shorts styles: similar to acceptable slacks above. Capri/gaucha style pants are allowed only during shorts season. Cutoff shorts or biking shorts are not allowed. Girls' shorts must follow the *skirt rule*. No shorts or jeans are allowed on chapel days.

*Outer coats are not to be worn in class. Solid-colored sweaters or solid colored fleece sweaters may be worn with teacher permission during colder months.

*Embroidered designs/emblems on clothing are allowed that are no larger than a quarter. Silk-screened emblems, sequins, logos, writing of any kind, etc. is not allowed on any clothing.

*No glitter on any clothing.

*School spirit wear will be allowed on specified Spirit Days (**OSL Polo shirts may be worn any day except chapel days.**)

*Student's hair must be neat and combed, and must be worn so that vision is not impaired. Boy's hair may be no longer than collar length and above the eyebrow line. Unnatural hair styles (including Mohawks, faux-hawks, and designs cut into hair) or unnatural hair coloring/dying is not allowed for boys or girls.

*NO 'ear-type' or antennae headbands. Only smooth headbands.

*6th-8th grade girls only will be permitted to wear make-up in moderation.

*Only traditional lobe piercings are allowed. Hoop earrings must be dime size or smaller (for safety).

*Jewelry may be worn in moderation and must be school appropriate.

**Rooms have different temperatures so dress accordingly
(bring an appropriate sweater or a solid colored fleece).**

Chapel Dress (Boys): Oxford or dress shirt with tie. Shirts must be tucked in and belts worn with slacks that have belt loops. Ties must be worn the entire day for 1st-8th graders, except for gym and recess times.

Chapel Dress (Girls): Dresses; dress shirts/blouses with skirts or dress pants (belts are to be worn with slacks that have belt loops). The *hand and skirt rules* apply to chapel dress.

The School Board and faculty support the notion that all students are to be dressed in a manner that will not hinder the educational process, that will promote a positive image among our students, and that will provide a positive Christian witness to the community and beyond.

The dress code is not intended to inhibit self-expression, but to limit distractions in the classroom in an effort to promote a strong educational atmosphere. Our dress code is intended to promote modesty and should be a reflection of our lives as children of God.

Administration reserves the right to make the final decision whether students are within the dress code requirements due to interpretation, change in fashion, or the safety of the student.

Actions for all grades to be taken if dress code is not followed:

*1st occurrence of dress code violation—written warning to parent with student and parent signature required and returned to the teacher the following day.

*2nd occurrence of dress code violation—call to parent to bring appropriate clothing to school.

*3rd occurrence of dress code violation—conference with parent and student.

*4th occurrence of dress code violation—detention to be served on the following Thursday from 2:45-3:45pm.

*5th occurrence of dress code violation—student will receive an in-school suspension.

*6th occurrence of dress code violation—student will receive a three day out-of-school suspension.

*7th occurrence of dress code violation—student will be expelled from Our Shepherd.