



## Lima Christian School

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# STANDARD OF DRESS

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The purpose for the standard of dress at Lima Christian School is to promote Christ-like modesty and to encourage an environment suitable for learning and development. As instructed in Col. 3:12, we are to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. The following Dress Code is not intended to condemn certain styles, but is intended to be a standard for our school, which would allow for individual expression while maintaining our Christian testimony to the community.

Students are expected to follow this Dress Code with a heart attitude of compliance, and not one which pushes every boundary to see what they can “get away with”. Many Dress Code problems will be eliminated if parents will assume the responsibility of enforcement on a daily basis. We seek your support and full cooperation in this area. **The administrator of Lima Christian School, or his designated representative, will determine proper modesty and compliance to the Dress Code.** If a student’s dress is determined to be inappropriate, in addition to serving Detention, one or more of the following procedures will be followed:

1. Parents will be called and asked to provide a change of clothing.
2. The school will provide alternative clothing for the day if any is available.
3. A dress code violation will result in the loss of being able to participate in a Dress Down Day(s).
4. Persistent violators (3 times or more) will be required to wear an LCS Uniform for the remainder of the school year.
5. Student will serve In-School or Out-of-School Suspension.

## General Guidelines and Grooming Standards

### CLOTHING & APPEARANCE:

1. All apparel is to be neat, clean and in good condition. Clothing should not have holes, be frayed, or look worn.
2. Clothing is to be appropriately sized, not excessively baggy, tight fitting or revealing. All underwear is to be completely covered.
3. No hats, gloves, jackets (outerwear) or sunglasses will be permitted while inside the school building.
4. Blue denim clothing is not permitted.
5. Sweatpants or camouflage clothing is not permitted.
6. Shorts or Skorts (culottes) are not permitted.
7. Students shall make every attempt to avoid dress styles and jewelry that are associated with gang, occult, gothic, or any other type of activity that is contrary to the Christian standards of Lima Christian School. Articles of clothing with lettering, wording, or drawings that may be **even slightly** suggestive, derogatory or in bad taste will not be permitted.
8. Any body tattoos must be covered with clothing.
9. Socks, stockings, or peds are required with the exception of the months of May, June and September.

### HAIR:

1. Hair should be neatly trimmed and combed.
2. Extreme hairstyles including, but not limited to shaved or excessively spiked hair is not permitted.
3. Highlighting is acceptable only if it is consistent with the student’s natural hair color. Hair should not be highlighted in an extreme two-toned fashion.
4. Boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns must not be lower than the bottom of the ear.
5. Boys may not wear a ponytail and their hair length should not be longer than the top of a normal collared shirt collar.

### JEWELRY:

1. Other than girls’ ears, jewelry requiring body piercing may not be worn.
2. Girls’ earrings are limited to two earrings per ear.
3. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings or pocket chains at any time.
4. Apparel and/or accessories that may be used as a “dangerous instrument” as defined by the New York State penal law including, but not limited to studded/spiked collars and bracelets, and chains with links that are ¼ in or more in length or width, are not allowed.

Lima Christian School recognizes three options for appropriate dress.

1. **Normal School Dress**
2. **Chapel Dress**
3. **Dress Down Days**

## **NORMAL SCHOOL DRESS:**

### **Boys' Standards:**

- 1. Pants:** Pants must be worn at the waist and should not have rips, tears or fraying. They must not drag on the floor and must have a hem that is neat and finished. They will not be worn on the hip with a lower than normal crotch. All undergarments must be covered at all times. Boys may wear below-the-knee, cargo type or dressy shorts beginning in May and continuing through final exams, Regents exams, and in the month of September. Athletic type shorts will not be permitted.
- 2. Shirts:** Shirts, patches, etc. that promote contemporary secular cultures that are considered in bad taste (refer to general guidelines) are not permitted. Shirts (worn without a vest, sweater or sweatshirt) need to have a collar, and be tucked in at all times. Shirts worn under sweaters or vests should not hang below the sweater or vest. Sweaters, vest or sweatshirts do not need to be tucked in. Only crew necked sweaters may be worn without a collared shirt underneath. No tank tops are permitted. Shirts need to be worn at all times including gym, outdoors and after school events.
- 3. Shoes:** Shoes are to be clean and neat. Footwear must not be a safety hazard. Shoes should be non-marring to the floors of the school, including the gym. Shoelaces must be tied.

### **Girls' Standards:**

- 1. Pants:** Pants must not be worn excessively low on the hips and should not have rips, tears or fraying. They must not drag on the floor, and must have a hem that is neat and finished. They must not be excessively baggy or form fitting. Pants must cover all undergarments. Capri pants may not be shorter than mid-calf and may be worn during the months of May, June and September. Girls may wear long shorts during Regents exams.
- 2. Shirts:** Shirts, patches, etc. that promote contemporary secular cultures that are considered in bad taste (refer to general guidelines) are not permitted. All shirts must be tucked in, unless specifically designed to be worn out (i.e. straight hem). Blouses/shirts should not be excessively tight or form fitting, should not have plunging necklines, bare backs and must be long enough to ensure that when arms are raised, bare midriffs are not exposed. If two shirts are layered, the outer shirt must have at least one button buttoned. Athletic, "work-out" types of T-shirts are not permitted. Modest sleeveless tops must have a collar. There are to be no plunging necklines or visible undergarments when such a top is worn. **TANK TOPS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- 3. Dresses and Skirts:** Length of the skirt must be to the bend of the back of the knee. Slits must not go above the knee. Apparel selections should be made to allow for growth during the year. Sundresses are not allowed.
- 4. Shoes:** All shoes must be clean and neat. Footwear must not be a safety hazard. Shoes should be non-marring to the floors of the school, including the gym. Shoelaces must be tied.

## **CHAPEL DRESS: (Applies to grades 6 – 12)**

**All guidelines for "Normal School Dress" are in effect with the following additions:**

**Boys:** Dress shirts and ties are required. No denim or flannel shirts will be allowed. Socks will be worn at all times, with the exception of the months of May, June, and September. Jeans Day Passes may not be used. "Hooded sweatshirts" are not acceptable for Chapel Dress.

**Girls:** Dresses or skirts are required. Socks, stockings, or peds are required with the exception of the months of May, June and September. Blue denim skirts or dresses are not permitted on chapel days. Jeans Day Passes may not be used on Chapel days. (This includes denim skirts and dresses.) "Hooded sweatshirts" are not acceptable for Chapel Dress.

## **DRESS DOWN DAYS:**

Commonly referred to as "Jeans Days" this standard of dress is permissible at athletic events, field trips, after school activities, and at the discretion of the Lima Christian School administration. The adult sponsor for any off-campus activity will determine the level of dress acceptable for that activity. On Dress Down Days, students are permitted to wear blue denim, t-shirts and un-tucked shirts. All other standards of dress listed under the "General Guidelines" (including hair and jewelry) will continue to apply. Modest shorts (must reach the tips of the fingers when the hands are at sides) are permitted for athletic events and after school activities. The wearing of non-permissible items (such as hats, etc.) will result in the cancellation of any future participation of Dress Down Days by the violators.

## **K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Exceptions:**

Two-piece fleeces sets are permissible provided that they do not contain cartoon, movie, or other objectionable material as stated under the General Guidelines of the Dress Code.

Skorts for girls will be permitted, provided that they are worn over leotards or tights.