

LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DRESS CODE

PHILOSOPHY

The intent of a dress code at Little Rock Christian Academy is to place emphasis on the attitude and character development of the student rather than on external appearance. "Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (I Peter 5:5). In addition, such character traits as: obedience, respect, cooperation, self-discipline, and humility find application as students work with the teachers and staff to support the dress code.

While school officials recognize the challenge for parents of interpreting the dress code in conjunction with current trends within the fashion industry, the safest course of action would be to ask the following questions:

- Is it neat and does it fit appropriately for school?
- Is it modest? I Peter 3:3-4
- Does it promote appropriate attitude and behavior fit for God? Romans 13:14
- Is it non-offensive? I John 2:15-17

The administration is given the authority to interpret and enforce the dress code.

Dress Code Citations

Students will be reminded as the year begins what the required dress is and any ways in which they may not be meeting the code. The following response will normally occur in the case of dress code violations:

- Parents will be contacted.
- Students will obtain a change of clothes before returning to class.
- Consequences through middle school and high school for repeat violators will range from morning detention hall to suspension.

High School Grades 9th through 12th

YOUNG MEN: All clothing must be modest, covering well and not overly tight.

Shirts Shirts with collars and sleeves, including turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks, are the basis for dress code. The shirt or an undershirt has to be tucked in at all times.

Sweaters Choice of crew, v-neck or cardigan that must be worn over collared shirt.

Sweatshirts Little Rock Christian sweatshirts or solid sweatshirts worn with collared shirt.

Pants Pants must be worn at the waist (not below). Pants must not be noticeably oversized or tight, but fit properly. Corduroy is acceptable. No tears, rips, bleached stains or frayed hems. No jeans, athletic wear, “sleeping pants” or scrubs.

Shorts Dress and casual shorts to the knee – no athletic/sports shorts.

Shoes & Socks Clean and neat. No distracting footwear.

P.E. Uniform Little Rock Christian T-shirt, navy shorts and solid navy sweatpants.

Hair Must be trimmed off the collar, out of the eyes as it naturally falls, and of natural color. No pony tails. No Mohawks or other styles that attract attention. Certain ethnic distinctives will be considered when in line with a student’s heritage.

Additional No hats, visors, hoods on the head or other head coverings. No visible tattoos. No visible body piercing.

No facial hair or sideburns below the ears. No earrings or long chains.

No lettering or messages on clothing.

YOUNG LADIES: All clothing must be modest, covering well and not overly tight.

Shirts Shirts with collars are the basis for dress code. The shirt or an undershirt has to be tucked in at all times. Shirts and blouses must have sleeves and at least two buttons. Blouses and shirts are to be modestly buttoned and covering cleavage.

Sweaters Choice of crew, v-neck or cardigan that must be worn over collared shirt.

Sweatshirts Little Rock Christian sweatshirts or solid sweatshirts worn with a collared shirt.

Skirts Skirts or skorts that are hemmed to the knee or longer. No slits higher than the knee.

Pants Not noticeably oversized or too tight. No form fitting, stretch pants, jeans, athletic wear, “sleeping pants” or scrubs.

Corduroy is acceptable. No tears, rips, bleached stains or frayed hems.

Shorts Dress and casual shorts to the knee – no athletic/sports shorts.

Shoes & Socks Clean and neat. Not distracting.

P.E. Uniform Little Rock Christian T-shirt, navy shorts and solid navy sweatpants.

Hair Must be natural color.

Additional No spaghetti straps. No midriff or cleavage can be showing at any time.

No hats, visors, hoods on the head or other head coverings. No visible tattoos. No visible body piercing except the ears on females, which is limited to no more than two earrings per ear. No lettering or messages on clothing.

READ CAREFULLY!

Students are expected to dress modestly at any school-sponsored event, such as trips, games, dances, no uniform days, etc. consistent with the spirit of the guidelines above. The administration will be glad to help with questions about specific wear. Dress always communicates something about us; please consider what it says. It should, at all times, be modest, appropriate for the situation, not distracting, and not bring undue attention to the wearer. *The administration has the final word on a student’s daily dress and reserves the right to change any of the dress code’s rules during the school year and provide guidelines for events such as dances. Any exceptions must be approved ahead of time by administrations.*

NO UNIFORM DAYS. SEE BELOW.

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It takes working together to make “No Uniform Days” possible. We need to make every effort to keep a good appearance for the honor of Christ and for the orderly learning environment which we want. Elementary grades will have occasional, pre-announced “No Uniform Days”. Generally, “No Uniform Day” at the middle school is a privilege granted to students who demonstrate overall good behavior for the week. Students who have not demonstrated good behavior lose that privilege for the week. For high school, Friday is allowed as “No Uniform Day” providing dress code criteria has been met during the week “No Uniform Day” standards emphasize modesty. Appropriate school wear includes no holes in jeans, no skin-tight clothes, no short shorts or skirts, no pajamas or scrubs, no tank tops or spaghetti straps, no hats, no inappropriate messages, labels, or symbols. Just like on uniform days, bare midriffs or revealing tops are unacceptable. Please be careful to make “No Uniform Days” positive for everyone.