

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.

Middle School Grades 6th through 8th

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

Shirts Solid color shirt with placket and collar. Not t-shirts. Long sleeved turtlenecks may be worn. The shirt or an undershirt has to be tucked in at all times. No lettering or messages. Shirts should fit correctly and be buttoned appropriately.

Slacks Solid color slacks worn at the waist (not sagging below). Corduroy is acceptable. No tears, rips, bleached stains or frayed hems. Belts must be worn with slacks and shorts. Not noticeably oversized or too tight. No jeans.

Shorts Solid color walking shorts that are hemmed and no more than 2" above knee.

Shoes & socks Clean and neat. No distracting footwear.

Sweaters Choice of crew, v-neck or cardigan in solid colors. (No messages)

Sweatshirts Little Rock Christian sweatshirts or solid sweatshirts. [NO message or label sweatshirts.]

P.E. Uniform 7th & 8th Grades only: Little Rock Christian T-Shirt, navy shorts and solid navy sweatpants

Additional No hats, visors or other head coverings. No tattoos. No body piercing. No earrings or long chains.

Hair Must be trimmed off collar, out of the eyes, as it naturally falls, and no longer than the bottom of the ear. Hair must be combed/brushed of a single natural color and a conservative style. No pony tails. No mohawks. Certain ethnic distinctives will be considered when in line with a student's heritage.

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

Shirts Solid color shirts or blouses with collar and placket (no sleeveless). Not t-shirts. Long sleeved turtlenecks any color. No lettering or messages. Proper fit is important. Many current styles can easily be too tight. Blouses should be buttoned modestly. No form fitting shirts. The shirt or an undershirt has to be tucked in at all times. Shirts must be long enough to cover midriff at ALL times.

Skirts Solid color skirt or skort hemmed to the knee or longer. No slits higher than the knee.

Slacks Solid color slacks. Corduroy is acceptable. No tears, rips, bleached stains or frayed hems. Slacks must be worn at the waist. Belts must be worn with slacks and shorts (except for beltless styles). Not noticeably oversized or too tight. No form fitting or stretch pants. No jeans.

Shorts Solid color shorts that are hemmed and no more than 2" above knee.

Shoes & socks Clean and neat. Not distracting.

Sweaters Choice of crew, v-neck or cardigan in solid colors. (No messages)

Sweatshirts Little Rock Christian sweatshirts or solid sweatshirts. [NO message or label sweatshirts.]

P.E. Uniform 7th & 8th Grades only: Little Rock Christian T-Shirt, navy shorts and solid navy sweatpants.

Additional No spaghetti straps & no midriff styles, even on 'no uniform days'. No hats or visors, no tattoos, no body piercing except the ears on females, which is limited to no more than two per ear.

Hair Hair must be combed/brushed out of the eyes, of a single natural color and a conservative style. Certain ethnic distinctives will be considered when in line with a student's heritage.

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 like dances.*

NO UNIFORM DAYS. SEE BELOW.

NO UNIFORM DAYS

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.