

Lower School Dress Code

Dress Code

Realizing that a relationship exists between standards of dress and behavior/performance and that high standards of dress foster a positive self-image, Lake Highland Preparatory School maintains certain expectations which result in the following guidelines of student dress.

Students are expected to dress and to groom themselves in a way which reflects neatness, moderation and appropriateness for school. Lake Highland Preparatory School students are also expected to adhere to the spirit of the guidelines specified below which reflect conservative standards of acceptability. Parental assistance in assuring that the guidelines are followed is expected and very much appreciated.

All uniform items must be purchased from the school uniform company. Clothing items in The Source are not necessarily within LHP Dress Code, but may be permitted on Spirit Days. Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, and coats for indoor use must be purchased from the school uniform company or from the school store. Following are also some additional guidelines for the required dress code.

Shirts: Shirts must be tucked in at all times so the belt or waistband is visible. Shirts may not be tucked in and then “bloused” over. At least the first button of knit shirts must be fastened. Only plain white undershirts may be worn underneath shirts. Shirts may not be layered.

Shorts, Skirts, Slacks: Shorts and skirts must be modest in length, no shorter than 4 inches above the knee and no longer than the middle of the knee. Short skirts and shorts do not reflect the values of LHPS. Shorts and slacks must be worn properly at the waist, not riding low on the hips.

Belts: Belts must be black or cordovan leather in either the braided style or the flat style, as provided by the school uniform company.

Shoes and Socks: Students in all lower school grades are required to wear “athletic” sneakers. Shoes may be any color and style. Shoes must be in good repair and must have traditional laces or Velcro fasteners. High tops and $\frac{3}{4}$ shoes, slip-on, or Mary Jane styles and shoes with wheels or lights are not permitted.

Socks must be white, black, plain, or grey with a small, discrete logo, and visible above the top of the sneaker. The socks cannot be higher than below the calf; e.g. ankle or three-quarter length styles are acceptable. [“Elite”, or designer socks specifically do not meet these guidelines.]

Jewelry: Girls only may wear one pair of post earrings (for safety, no hoops or dangling earrings are allowed). Students may wear only simple rings, watches, and bracelets. Necklaces are acceptable, but must be a simple, thin gold or silver chain worn inside the shirt. A simple religious symbol may be worn on the chain. Only one bracelet may be worn at a time.

Smart Watches: Students in Grades 4-6 may wear *Smart Watches* only if internet access is disabled or blocked with a parent password.

Back Packs: Students are not to display or attach “distractors” (toys, trinkets, keychains, etc.) to their handbags, backpacks, etc.

Hair: Girls may wear only the Macbeth plaid hair bows or headbands, or a simple, coordinating solid color hair bow or headband. Hair wraps and beading are not allowed. (Exceptions may be made in special circumstances at the discretion of the Dean.) Boys’ hair must be a conservative style and length, neatly groomed, off the face, and evenly tapered; above the collar in the back and **above the eyebrows in the front**; spiked hair is not allowed. Hair coloring is not allowed for any student. This includes any process that changes the natural color of the hair.

Make-up: Lower School students may not wear make-up of any type. This also includes nail polish and lipstick.

Wednesday Mandatory Dress: All 3rd - 6th grade students are required to wear the mandatory uniform on Wednesdays. The mandatory dress items are indicated in bold print in the Dress Code information.

Scout Uniforms: Students involved in the scouting programs are allowed to wear their uniforms to school on days of meetings and for special events.

Spirit Day Dress Code: Spirit Day is a privilege extended to Lower School students on most Fridays and occasional designated days. The intent is to show support for our athletic teams and other student activities. Students have the option to wear one of the many available LHPS spirit shirts with blue denim clothing. Shirts with student writing on them are not acceptable. Solid blue denim jeans, jean shorts, jean skirts, or jean Capris are acceptable. Items must be of a conservative style and in good repair with no fringed or frayed material. No baggy, yoga, cargo, flared, glitter, faded, or other unusual styles are acceptable. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 4" above the knee and shorts must be no longer than the knee. Belts must be worn if item has belt loops.

Physical Education Classes: Students in grades 5 and 6 must purchase the required uniform for P.E. class. Students must "dress out" each day of class. Uniforms should be carried in some type of "P.E. bag."

One-piece bathing suits are required of all girls for swimming instruction held as part of P.E. classes.

Dress code requirements must be maintained at all times while on campus unless participating in a sports activity.

Any dress code issues in question will be decided at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

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LOWER SCHOOL UNIFORM OPTIONS

PK – 2nd Gd. Uniform Options

GIRLS:

Plaid sailor dress
 Red polo dress
 Polo shirts: red, black or white
 Plaid tab skort
 Pull-on shorts or pants: black or grey
 Shorts: black or grey
 Pants: black or grey
 Belt (if loops are on shorts/pants)

BOYS:

Polo shirts: red, black or white
 Pull-on shorts or pants: black or grey
 Shorts: black or grey
 Pants: black or grey
 Belt (if loops are on shorts/pants)

***PreK – 2nd Grade students do not have a mandatory dress day.**

3rd – 6th Gd. Uniform Options

GIRLS MANDATORY DRESS DAY:

Shirt: White polo
 Plaid tab skort or black shorts or pants

GIRLS EVERY-DAY WEAR:

Polo shirts: red, black or white
 Plaid tab skort
 Shorts: black or grey
 Pants: black or grey
 Belt (to be worn with shorts/pants)

BOYS MANDATORY DRESS DAY:

Shirt: White Polo
 Black shorts or pants
 Belt

BOYS EVERY-DAY WEAR:

Polo shirts: red, black or white
 Shorts: black or grey
 Pants: black or grey
 Belt

***3rd-6th Grade students' mandatory dress day is Wednesday.**

Note #1: The complete Dress Code can be found in the LHPS Lower School Handbook. Please refer to the Dress Code section of the Handbook for specific information regarding such items as: shoes, socks, hair accessories, jewelry, make-up, etc.

Note #2: Dress items found in *The Source* (LHP school store) may be, but are not automatically, within Dress Code. However, *Source* items most often are acceptable for a school Spirit Day.