

LHPS Standards of Student Behavior

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 that result in the following guidelines of student dress. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a way that reflects neatness, moderation, and appropriateness for school. Lake Highland Preparatory School students are also expected to adhere to the spirit of the specified guidelines, which reflect conservative standards of acceptability. **Adherence to the dress code must be maintained from the student's arrival on campus to his/her departure.** Students who are not in compliance with dress code and cannot bring themselves into compliance without leaving campus may be sent home. Time out of class will be recorded as unexcused. All dress code questions will be decided at the discretion of the Dean of Students. Requests for deviation from the dress code will be handled by the Dean of Students on a case-by-case basis.

Dress Code Requirements:

All Students:

- For outerwear (jackets, hoodies, etc.), there are a number of options offered by our clothing vendors. The Source also has many LHPS outerwear options. Non-LHPS outerwear is not authorized.
- The hood of a hoodie may not be worn on the head inside buildings while on campus.
- If items borrowed from the Upper School Office (i.e., belts, ties, or other items of clothing) are not returned within 72 hours, the student's school account will be charged the replacement cost for the item.
- Visible tattoos and facial/body piercings are not permitted.
- Hats, scarves, bandanas, and sunglasses are not permitted during the school day unless approved by the Dean.
- Undergarments may not be visible.

Shoes: Athletic shoes may be worn every day except Wednesday. They must be in good repair; those with shoelaces must be tied. No backless styles or sandals; shoes must be worn as designed. Students are not to walk in collapsed heels. Flip-flops are only permitted on selected days as directed by the Director of Upper School.

Undershirts: Must be solid white or black, **with no writing or drawing.**

Ladies: The polo shirt or blouse must come over the top of the skirt, shorts or slacks with no midriff showing. Only the top button of the blouse may be unbuttoned.

Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh and may not be rolled up or under.

Earrings may be worn in the **bottom of the earlobe only.** No facial or tongue piercing permitted. Cartilage piercings, gauge, plugs, and tunnel-style earrings are not allowed. If makeup is worn, it must be worn in a modest manner.

Young Men: Earrings are not allowed to be worn on campus or at school-sponsored activities.

Hair:

Young Men:

Hair must be worn in a conservative style, neatly groomed, and evenly tapered or blocked. Hair must be above the collar in the back and above the eyebrows in the front. Young men must be clean-shaven each day. Students who repeatedly fail to shave may be charged with insubordination. Sideburns are not permitted past mid-ear. No unnatural, two-tone hair colors or patterns cut into the scalp.

Ladies:

Hair must be worn in a neat, professional, and conservative manner. No **unnatural** colors, two-tone colors, or patterns cut into scalp.

If Dennis School Uniform garments are altered and do not reflect the style and/or design of the original garment, the garment may not be in compliance with the dress code and will not be permitted.

Special Days:

1. **Athletic Competition Days:** Students representing LHPS as members of athletic teams may, on days of team competition only, wear their team shirt with daily dress options of Dennis shorts/skirts/slacks. **Team jerseys or shirts are not to be worn on Wednesdays.** Members of athletic teams that choose not to wear their team's uniform or team shirt must follow the Dress Code for that school day. Team polo shirts with a collar are considered team spirit shirts and **may not be worn on normal dress days.**
2. **College T-Shirt Day:** Students may wear an appropriate college t-shirt, jeans, or dress shorts in accordance with Spirit Day attire guidelines.
3. Seniors may wear either their Senior Jersey or the regular daily dress on Senior Jersey Day. Spirit attire may not be worn.
4. Students not participating in Spirit or Special Days are required to follow the Dress Code for that school day.
5. **Cold Weather Dress Days & Cold Weather Wear:** Cold days are not automatically Cold Weather Dress Days. Additionally, cold weather dress days are not automatically Spirit Days (unless the cold weather day in question falls on a Friday). Declaring a Cold Weather Dress Day is a whole-school decision made in conjunction with the Lower and Middle School. In cases of extreme cold weather, *the school notifies parents via an email on the day/evening before* if there is to be any change in the Dress Code for a particular day. On declared Cold Weather Dress Days, Upper School students are permitted to wear long jeans or suitable trousers (no denim shorts), with an appropriate dress code polo shirt (not a Spirit Day shirt). Yoga pants or tights/leggings worn alone are not acceptable Dress Code items as a replacement for pants or a skirt. If a student wishes to wear shorts (*which is strongly discouraged*), he or she should be in regular uniform shorts. Students are also allowed to wear non-Lake Highland cold weather/winter coats to keep warm while outdoors.

Spirit and special dress days are a privilege. Failure to abide by the spirit and special day dress code may result in the loss of the privilege.

Athletic Attire:

Students exercising individually or part of a team sport while on campus or at LHPS-sponsored events are expected to maintain the same high standards of dress consistent with our culture and dress code. Clothing should be modest, well-fitting, appropriate for each particular activity, and free of any profanity, obscenities, or alcohol/drug references. **Males** are to wear shirts, with or without sleeves, while on campus with the exception of the pool area. **Females** should wear appropriate outerwear, not use athletic bras as an outer-garment, and attire should include shirts with sleeves and that overlap the waist of their shorts or pants. Shorts should be of the appropriate length and fit properly. Swimwear should be one piece or have a cover that meets the hips. All clothing should cover the body in a modest manner.

Please direct any dress code questions you may have to the Dean of Students, Mr. Hielt, or Ms. Johnson in the Upper School Attendance Office.

LHPS UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE FOR 2020-21

	LADIES		MEN		ALL STUDENTS
	Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday	Wednesday	Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday	Wednesday	Friday Spirit Day
SHIRTS	Dennis red, white, black or grey LHPS polo shirt. No sports team or club polo	Dennis white blouse with LHPS logo or Dennis white blouse with DARA logo	Dennis red, white, black or grey LHPS polo shirt. No sports team or club polo	Dennis white long or short sleeve button down oxford with LHPS logo, tucked-in. <u>Dennis LHPS tie or Blackwatch tie only</u>	LHPS polo, LHPS spirit day t-shirts, LHPS team jerseys. Spirit shirts must fit properly. Tank tops and sleeveless tops are not permitted.
Senior Boys Only!	Senior boys are granted the privilege of wearing any color dress shirt (conservative colors, no bold prints or patterns) with any appropriate tie along with the required <u>Dennis grey pants</u> on Wednesday.				
Senior Girls Only!	The girls Dennis black polo dress may be worn by senior girls on Wednesday and on normal dress days, Monday-Thursday. The dress length may only be altered to bring the hemline no shorter than two inches from the top of the knee. If it exceeds this minimum required length, students will not be allowed to wear it at school.				
SKIRT/ SKORT	Dennis black or grey, skirt or skort – <u>Top of the knee in length</u>	Dennis grey skirt or skort – <u>Top of the knee in length</u>	N/A	N/A	Black, denim, khaki or grey skirt or skort – <u>Top of the knee in length</u>
SHORTS	Dennis black or grey shorts – <u>May be worn no shorter than mid-thigh. may not be cuffed and may not be rolled up or under</u>	N/A	Dennis black or grey shorts	N/A	Denim, red, khaki, black or white solid color shorts. Must be mid-thigh in length or longer. May not be rolled up or under. Sweats, shorts, athletic, or bathing suits/board shorts are not permitted
SLACKS	Dennis black or grey slacks	N/A	Dennis black or grey slacks	Dennis grey slacks	Solid color (see above) jeans are permitted. No overalls, oversized jeans, holes, patches or frayed ends allowed. No sweats, jeggings, jogging/yoga pants, drawstring waists, or slacks/jeans of stretchy fabric allowed
BELTS	Plain black, cordovan, brown or white leather, flat or braided belts may be worn. If pants are loose fitting, or if the shirt is tucked in and belt loops are visible, a belt must be worn. Only solid black/brown/cordovan may be worn on Wednesday.				
SHOES – No sandals, backless styles, slippers or flip-flops.	Athletic Shoes, Toms, Docksidiers or closed toe/closed heel dress shoes. Shoes must be worn as designed. Students are not to walk on collapsed heels.	Solid black, brown, grey or cordovan leather shoe or dress shoe w/ closed toe & heels, No higher than 2". No Toms or Dock-siders. Students are not to walk on collapsed heels.	Athletic Shoes, Toms, Docksidiers, or Solid black or cordovan/brown leather dress shoe. Shoes must be worn as designed. Students are not to walk on collapsed heels.	Solid black, brown, grey or cordovan, leather dress shoe. No Toms or Docksidiers – Students are not to walk on collapsed heels.	Athletic shoes, Toms or Docksidiers. Shoes must be worn as designed. Students are not to walk on collapsed heels.
SHOES – EXCEPTION	**Exception for senior girls only! On Wednesday, Senior girls are granted the privilege of wearing any color <u>dress shoe</u> w/ closed toe & heels, no higher than 2". Toms and Docksidiers may not be worn on Wednesday.				
SOCKS	Solid colored tights in black or skin tones may be worn but are not required. Fishnet or patterned stockings/tights are NOT permitted.			Socks must be worn, only dress socks. No white athletic socks.	
OUTERWEAR	All outerwear worn on campus must be LHPS outerwear purchased from The Source or from LHPS athletic team, Arts or Dara/Blackwatch organizations. No other outerwear will be permitted. Exception for Seniors ONLY: Seniors are granted the privilege of wearing a college sweatshirt or jacket beginning Nov. 1 st .				