



# LCHS Commonsense Dress Guidelines



The goal of the LCHS Commonsense Dress Guidelines (Grades 9-12) is to create an academic environment empowering students to maximize learning, learn how to dress for a business-casual setting, minimize distractions, reduce social distinctions, promote modesty, and support and reinforce the themes of Liberty Common School's character-education efforts, including the school's Foundation Stones, Capstone Virtues, and Thinking Framework. Therefore, all clothing should accord with a business-casual academic or work environment, which entails clean garments in good repair that fit properly.

**Modesty:** Clothes must not evoke undue attention, e.g., by color, pattern, bodily exposure, etc.

**Condition:** Nothing dirty, stained, frayed, torn, ripped, wrinkled, faded, worn, or in comparable disarray is appropriate.

**Fit:** Clothes should not invite distraction, which includes (but is not limited to) clothes worn inside out, backward, excessively tight, or excessively loose.

## **Guidelines for Male Students:**

**Top:** Polo shirts, button-up collared shirts, sportscoats, vests, turtlenecks, and sweaters. Tops may be solids, multicolor, plaid, or geometric patterns. Undershirts worn beneath a dress-code compliant shirt must be clean with no visible print/logo and must be tucked in. Suits and ties are encouraged.

**Bottom:** Dress pants or shorts with hemlines at or lower than three inches above the knee in front and back (including any slits or openings). Acceptable fabrics include khaki, corduroy, polyester, cotton, and blends that have a suitably professional appearance.

**Shoes:** Tie-up shoes, leather shoes, loafers, dress boots, and sandals with a back strap.

**Avoid:** Printed tops or bottoms, tops or bottoms with pictures or patterns other than plaid or geometric, denim (regardless of color), sportswear/joggers, T-shirts, tank tops, overalls, hats, cargo pants/shorts, sweatshirts/jackets indoors (with exception of LCHS letter jackets), waffle/thermal knit, piercings, unnatural hair color or more than two natural hair colors, writing, logos larger than 1" by 1", see-through or sheer material, exposed undergarments or midriff, visible tattoos, and clothing depicting/glorifying death, weapons, violence, alcohol, or drugs.

## **Guidelines for Female Students:**

**Top:** Blouses, blazers, vests, turtlenecks, sweaters, polo shirts, and dressy tops.

**Bottom:** Dress pants, capris, dresses, skirts, jumpers, and shorts with hemlines at or lower than three inches above the knee in front and back (including any slits or openings). Acceptable fabrics include khaki, corduroy, knit, polyester, rayon, cotton, and blends that have a suitably professional appearance.

**Shoes:** Flats, heels, leather shoes, dress boots, tie-up shoes, loafers, and sandals with a back strap.

**Avoid:** Denim (regardless of color), T-shirts, spaghetti straps, tank tops, crop tops, sportswear/yoga pants/spandex/joggers, lace, leggings, off-the-shoulder shirts or dresses, hats, overalls, more than two piercings per ear or piercings located anywhere other than the ears, sweatshirts/jackets indoors (with exception of LCHS letter jackets), waffle/thermal knit, unnatural hair color or more than two natural hair colors, cleavage showing at any angle, writing, logos larger than 1" by 1", see-through or sheer material, exposed undergarments or midriff, visible tattoos, and clothing depicting/glorifying death, weapons, violence, alcohol, or drugs.

*Violations and a request for a change of attire will be given at the discretion of staff according to the principles and specified parameters described herein. Mere technical conformity to the Commonsense Dress Guidelines will not absolve students of the general need to be prudent, sensible, and considerate in their choice of wardrobe. Habitual failure to comply with the principles and parameters described herein will result in restriction to the School-Wide Dress Code for the remainder of the semester. It is likely instructors have classroom-specific attire requirements for safety purposes.*