



PHILOSOPHY & PURPOSE

Lansing Christian School exists to educate students for intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical growth to the full extent of their God-given abilities. Because education involves the formation of character as well as the cultivation of knowledge, student appearance should reflect the values of excellence, order, modesty, self-discipline, and respect for others.

Dress and grooming are not matters of vanity or social competition, but opportunities to practice wisdom, humility, and personal responsibility. A neat and appropriate appearance contributes to an atmosphere conducive to learning, honors the dignity of each person as one made in the image of God, and encourages a focus on scholarship, service, and character rather than trends or outward display.

The LCS student dress code is intended to:

- Promote modesty and propriety consistent with Christian values.
- Encourage habits of self-respect, discipline, and maturity.
- Support an orderly and distraction-free academic environment.
- Foster unity and reduce social pressure based on fashion or wealth.
- Reinforce standards of excellence and readiness appropriate to serious study.
- Teach students to present themselves honorably in current and future academic, professional, civic, and church settings.

LCS recognizes that parents bear primary responsibility for the upbringing of their children, and seeks to partner with families in cultivating God-honoring judgment in matters of dress and conduct.

GENERAL STANDARDS

Students are expected to arrive at school clean, neat, and appropriately dressed for the school day. Expectations are in effect at all times while on campus, including athletic events and extracurricular activities, and extend beyond the campus for field trips and other situations in which students are representing the school. Appearance must:

- Be modest, clean, properly fitted, and in good condition.
- Avoid extremes in fashion, grooming, or appearance that draw undue attention.
- Be appropriate and conducive to a serious academic environment.
- Allow students to participate safely and comfortably in school activities.

DAILY SCHOOL ATTIRE

Acceptable Attire

- Tasteful t-shirts, polo shirts, Henley shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts.
- Khaki pants, chinos, corduroys, jeans, or other structured casual pants or shorts.
- Dresses, skirts, or shorts with hemlines that reach the fingertips when arms rest at the sides.
- Clean casual shoes, sneakers, boots, or sandals with secure straps.
- Shirts must cover the torso. Boys' shirts must have sleeves. Girls may wear tops with straps that are at least two fingers' width. Shirts worn over leggings must reach the same fingertip length as that required for dresses, skirts, or shorts.
- Clothing must be appropriate for one's biological sex.
- School-branded apparel is permitted.

- Athletic wear may be worn only for PE, practices, or approved spirit days.

Unacceptable Attire

- Sweatpants or joggers.
- Pajamas, pajama pants, or loungewear.
- Athletic shorts or compression wear.
- Leggings worn as standalone pants (see shirt requirement above).
- Sleeveless shirts for boys.
- Clothing that is tight, revealing, sheer, excessively baggy, or sloppy.
- Ripped or torn clothing.
- Pants with writing across the buttocks.
- Clothing that shows underwear either by being too loose, too low, or too transparent.
- Shirts that reveal cleavage or the midriff.
- Tops with less than two fingers' width straps (tube tops, off-shoulder tops, spaghetti straps).
- Clothing with inappropriate graphics, slogans, messaging, or advertising (i.e., clothing promoting violence, immorality, substance use, or divisive political or social messaging).
- Slippers or bedroom footwear.

Physical Education and Athletics

- School-approved athletic clothing may be worn during PE classes and sports practices.
- Clothing should be functional, modest, and suitable for exercise.
- Athletic attire is not permitted during the regular academic day unless specifically authorized.

Grooming & Accessories

- Accessories should be modest and not disruptive to the learning environment.
- Facial piercings other than earrings and nose studs are not permitted.
- Excessive makeup, jewelry, or accessories are not appropriate in the school setting.
- Hats, caps, hoods or sunglasses may not be worn indoors except for approved purposes.
- Hair should be clean and orderly.
- Non-natural hair coloring, including clip-in colored hair, is not permitted.
- Extreme hairstyles intended to draw undue attention are not appropriate in the school setting.

ENFORCEMENT & PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

Dress code expectations will be enforced with consistency, fairness, and kindness. The goal of correction is formation rather than embarrassment or punishment. Parents are asked to support the school by:

- Ensuring students arrive appropriately dressed.
- Reinforcing the values underlying the policy.
- Encouraging gratitude, modesty, and good stewardship rather than consumerism or vanity.

The administration reserves the right to determine whether attire or appearance aligns with the spirit and purpose of the dress code, even when a specific item is not explicitly addressed. Students are encouraged to cultivate discernment rather than merely complying with minimum rules. Christian maturity involves learning to ask not only, "Is this allowed?" but also, "Does this reflect wisdom, humility, God-honoring choices, and love for neighbor?"

Students who fail to meet dress standards will be asked to change clothing, and parents will be notified. Repeated infractions will result in discipline pursuant to the student handbook.