



Lighthouse Preparatory Academy Dress Code 2019-20

The dress code of Lighthouse Preparatory Academy is intended to reflect the school's stated aims to honor God and disciple students. It is designed to encourage modesty, decency, and propriety and to de-emphasize the use of clothing as a significant means of establishing self-identity or gaining attention or social status (Matt. 6:28-34; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; 1 Peter 3:2-4; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; James 2:1-5). The administrator, a dean, or one designated to act in their stead, retains the authority to determine the appropriateness of a given student's attire or hairstyle, and may remove from the campus or otherwise discipline any student deemed to be inappropriately dressed. The administration also reserves the right to grant a limited variance to these regulations for special purposes, such as the academy's sports programs and physical education classes, special dress days or other instructional exercises, provided that high standards of modesty are always upheld.

All elements of the dress code are in force (and may be enforced) on the academy's campus from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days. During that time, students anywhere on campus must be dressed in either proper class attire or proper sports attire. While dress code enforcement will be limited to school days, provisions and standards relating to modesty and decency should be respected by the students and are enforceable by the staff anywhere on the campus as well as at off-campus, school-sponsored events.

The academy's dress codes are in place as an application of kingdom values taught in God's Word. Parents and students should read the above passages, including the reasons behind the academy's dress code, and talk about them together. If a parent personally disagrees or has difficulty with certain specifics of the dress code, he/ she may communicate suggestions to the school in writing. However, the school humbly asks parents to defer to the present practice and speak respectfully of these matters around and to students. The school asks this for the sake of the Biblical principles they represent and for the peace and order of the learning environment.

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR CENTRAL CLASSROOM DAYS (7:30 am-4:00 pm)

Logo wear refers to clothing that has the Lighthouse logo with the eagle or lighthouse. Shirts for sports, fine arts, or other Lighthouse activities are spirit wear and can only be worn on specified days.

- Students must wear a shirt which displays the Lighthouse logo. During the school day, the logo must remain visible. Wearing anything* that covers the logo is a violation of the dress code.
*coats, jackets, unbuttoned shirts, cardigans, scarves, etc.
- Girls may wear appropriate jeans, pants, shorts, skirts, and capris with an approved Lighthouse logo wear shirt, sweater, or sweatshirt. No sweatpants, leggings, yoga pants, or athletic shorts. No sleeveless shirts or shirts with spaghetti straps without another shirt to cover. No short skirts or shorts - hems should be no higher than approximately two to four inches above the knee.
- Boys may wear jeans, pants, or shorts with an approved Lighthouse logo wear shirt. No sweatpants, athletic pants, or athletic shorts.
- All clothes and shoes must be neat and clean at the beginning of the day, and may not be torn, frayed, or contain any other unusual features which call undue attention to the student.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight OR excessively loose or immodest (i.e. low-cut shirts or tank tops).

- Hair must be kept groomed and clean and may not include unnatural coloring or styles.
- Boys may not wear earrings or other pierced jewelry. Girls may wear three earrings per ear; no other pierced jewelry is allowed.
- Tattoos are strongly discouraged; however, in the event a student has a pre-existing tattoo, it must be covered at all times.
- Coats and jackets must be neat in appearance and in keeping with the spirit of the dress code.
- No hats may be worn in the building from 7:30 to 4:00 p.m.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS & ENFORCEMENT

Violations to the dress code will be treated as follows:

(1) The first violation will result in warning to the student and either an email sent home or a call made by the student and/or administrator reminding the parent about step two and three.

(2) The second violation will require the student have appropriate clothing brought from home and a reminder about step three.

(3) The third violation, and any violation after that, will require the student have appropriate clothing brought from home and a fee of \$15 to be paid the next school day.