

# STANDARD OF DRESS 2019-2020

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**A. Purpose:** To establish and promote a positive, safe, educational, and spiritual climate that is conducive to learning, mindful of modesty, and reverent to our Heavenly Father.

## **B. Spiritual Direction:**

*Proverbs 22:6* "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it."

*I Timothy 4:12* "Let no man look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."

Please consider daily the above scripture and purpose in monitoring your child's dress to assure that he/she is dressed appropriately for school.

Christ Lutheran School requires students to wear **shirts** purchased from Norman's Uniform Company. Bottoms may be purchased from any store with the exception of plaid jumpers and middle school skorts (which must be purchased from Norman's). Norman's staff members are well-versed in our uniform code, have a great inventory, and can embroider/alter on site. All items must follow the school's standard color and look.

## **DRESS CODE**

*We believe that children at Christ Lutheran should reflect their faith in their Savior in everything they do – their actions, speech, behavior and dress. The way we dress reflects our attitudes. Disruptions to the learning process due to clothing or hair styles will be dealt with immediately. All clothing must fit appropriately. Teacher decisions regarding interpretation and application of the proper/improper dress codes are FINAL.*

*Uniforms are worn daily. The only exceptions are:*

- Student's birthday (half-birthday for summer birthday students)
- Thursday Spirit Day (May wear any CLS T-shirt)
- Jeans for Jesus Thursdays - \$1 fee given towards the chapel offering allows the students to wear jeans that are free from holes and fit well
- School Theme Days

## **Outerwear:**

- *Sweatshirts or sweaters must be CLS or solid navy, green, or gray. **No other hoodies are allowed***
- *Norman's has a wide variety of approved outerwear options that can be embroidered*

## **Boys' Choices**

**Tops:** *Chapel day wear green polo shirt.*

- *Polo Shirts: long sleeved or short sleeved (navy, dark green, gray).*

**Bottoms:**

- *Uniform pants or shorts in navy or khaki*
- *MAY NOT be cargo style, leggings, denim, or skinny style*
- *May have elastic-backed waistbands or traditional waistbands*
- *May be either flat-front or pleated*
- *Quicksilver-style shorts in gray (purchased from Norman's only)*

**Girls' Choices**

**Tops: *Chapel Day wear green polo shirt.***

- *Polo Shirts: long sleeved or short sleeved (navy, dark green, gray)*
- *Shirts embroidered with the CLS logo*
- *8<sup>th</sup> grade sweatshirts, or field trip sweatshirts*

**Bottoms:**

- *Plaid Jumper/Skort (purchased from Norman's only)*
- *Skort (low rise yolk or regular flat front) : navy or khaki*
- *Uniform pants or shorts in navy or khaki*
- *MAY NOT be cargo style, leggings, jeggings, denim, or skinny style*
- *May have elastic-backed waistbands or traditional waistbands*
- *May be either flat-front or pleated*

***The dress code can be summarized in this way: Wear a clean school uniform in the proper size, be well groomed and wear safe shoes. Do not wear anything that would keep you or others from focusing on schoolwork.***

*The standard of dress must follow these guidelines:*

- *All clothing must be clean, properly sized and in good repair*
- *Long pants must not drag on the ground or fall in folds around the feet. They must fit at the waist. They may not look baggy or tight like **skinny/leggings-like pants***
- *All shorts may not be too baggy or too tight, or fall no longer than the knee. Girls' shorts, skorts, and skirts should be no shorter than 3" above the knee*
- *For safety, tennis, sport shoes or everyday sturdy shoes only. No high soles, high heels, or platform shoes. No open toed shoes, backless shoes, or sandals*
- *During the school year, students will have the opportunity to earn or be given Free Dress Days. See **Free Dress Attire** section. Free dress days will be given to students on their birthday (On Friday for children whose birthdays are on the weekend and on the ½ birthday for those who have a birthday during summer)*

***It is the PARENTS' responsibility to take the leadership and guidance for what their child(ren) wears to school.***

### **Shoes/Hats/Hair:**

- Footwear must have a closed toe and a back strap (K-4 must wear socks). Students not wearing appropriate footwear will not be able to participate in recess activities
- Hats, caps and other head coverings may not be worn indoors unless medically required
- All baseball caps must be CLS caps (available at Norman's)
- Extreme hairstyles or unnatural coloring of hair are not permitted and could result in a suspension due to willful disobedience. This is left up to the teacher's discretion
- Hair may not impede the learning of the student or those around them. Eyes must be clear of hair

### **Jewelry:**

- Girls may not wear oversized earrings. Earrings may not be larger than a quarter
- Ear "spacers" or anything that appears to be an unorthodox piercing are strictly prohibited
- Boys may not wear any earrings
- Jewelry must not be excessive in amount or in style

### **Make Up:**

- In moderation, may be worn by girls in Junior High only
- Body piercing (except girls' earrings), tattoos and branding; torn or ragged clothes, cut-offs, or clothing with holes are **not permitted**

### **Free Dress Attire**

We expect that student dress will reflect Christian values and therefore that the style of dress of the students will not interfere with Christians educational goals or distract from the educational process. **The staff, faculty, and the principal assume the responsibility of determining what is acceptable and appropriate in terms of student dress.**

**Inscriptions** – Clothing and jewelry cannot bear any inscriptions, words or images that are offensive, crude (skulls), vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive. Clothing which advocates prejudice of any sort or favors the use of illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, or a particular musical group is not permitted.

**Tops/Shirts** – Shirts must be appropriate to student's size. Clothing must conceal undergarments. Shirts/tops with cap sleeves must be modest and show no midriff when arms are extended over the head. Torn, and/or ragged clothing is not permitted.

**Skirts, Shorts & Pants** – Skirts, skorts and shorts must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee. Short-shorts are not permitted. Shorts longer than approximately knee length are not permitted. All pants and shorts must be hemmed. "Cut-offs" and clothing with holes are not permitted. Exercise clothes (e.g. spandex, bicycle type shorts, leggings and jeggings) may be worn under shorts but not as shorts. Oversized or "baggy" clothing is not permitted. Pants, shorts and skorts must be worn securely at the waist. Swimming trunks may not be worn as shorts.

**Hats/Caps** – Hats, caps and other head covering may not be worn indoors unless required medically. An emblem on a hat or cap must be the "CLS" logo.

**All other items not stated for "Free Dress" are covered by the standards noted in the Parent Handbook.**

*Should questions concerning any clothing garment arise, please have your child bring in the garment to the office prior to the free dress event so as to determine acceptability.*

**Enforcement:**

- *For any dress code infraction, the student will be sent to the office to call the parent for any appropriate change of clothing*
- *Three violations will result in a detention*
- *Multiple offenses may result in suspension*