

## **DRESS CODE**

As a Christian community, our school encourages and expects proper speech, dress and manners. Our goal is to maintain an atmosphere conducive to serious educational pursuits. We desire that students dress modestly and neatly, and that they avoid extremes in dress and conduct that would tend to attract unfavorable attention to themselves or to the school. Parental cooperation is essential if our school is to maintain a quality educational environment.

Students who do not cooperate or comply run the risk of a dress code violation and school discipline that could result in removal from class and/or a detention. If there are any questions, please check with the Assistant Principal in advance as to the appropriateness of the article of clothing. Students are expected to be in dress code anytime they are on the school property.

### **Guidelines for Pants/Shorts/Skirts:**

1. No yoga or exercise pants of any type will be allowed.
2. No flannel, nylon, leather, pajama, mesh, vinyl, blue denim, cut-off, faded, or sweat suit type pants or shorts will be allowed.
3. Modest-cut dress shorts may be worn all year. Shorts may be no shorter than 4" from the top of the knee.
4. Pants are to be worn at the waist at all times and are to fit properly.
5. Pants must have no rips, frays, or holes.
6. Female students may wear dresses, skirts, or split skirts that fit properly. They are to be no shorter than 4" above the knee (this also includes the top of a split in a dress or skirt).

### **Guidelines for Tops:**

1. Students' outermost layer must be one of the following: Collared shirt (dress shirt or polo), sweater, or LHN approved outerwear (This includes ¼ zip pull overs, fleece, and track jackets with Lutheran North logos purchased from the Mustang Spiritwear Shop. School issued uniforms are not included).
2. All tops must be crew neck length or have a crew neck underneath.
3. Male students must have their shirts buttoned properly and tucked in at all times.
4. T-shirts, jerseys, tank tops are not permitted as outermost layers.
5. All tops are to be conservative and modest. They are not to be too tight or too short. Tops too short are those that when a student raises her hands, her midriff is exposed.
6. Clothing with advertisements, pictures, logos, emblems or print larger than a 3x5 notecard is not allowed. The exception to this rule is any Lutheran North logo or print.
7. Clothing generally worn outdoors (coats, jackets, hoods, camouflage) is not permitted.
8. No denim or denim looking material.
9. Female students' tops/dresses must have a sleeve of some kind.

### **Guidelines for Hair/Jewelry/Accessories:**

1. No extreme hair color, styles, or designs. Hair color should be a God given shade.
2. Male students should style their hair so that it does not hang beyond the bottom of the student's ear, in the student's eye, or below the shirt collar. Sideburns may extend no lower than the bottom of the ear.
3. Male students must be clean-shaven at all times.
4. Students are not to wear fillers, hats, or sunglasses in the building.
5. Male students are not to wear earrings.
6. No visible tattoos or body piercings are permitted.
7. No chains or spikes are allowed.

### **Guidelines for Shoes:**

1. Dress shoes, tennis shoes, or sandals that give a dressy appearance must be worn at all times. Any type of rubber, athletic, or beach sandal is not to be worn during the school day.

**THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE IS IN EFFECT WHILE THE STUDENT IS ON CAMPUS.** This includes both before the actual school day begins and after the school day ends. It is expected that the student be fully in dress code as soon as he/she enters North's property and remains in dress code until he/she leaves the property for the day.

Modesty is important and should be followed closely by all students attending Lutheran High North. Outfits that are too tight and / or too revealing are not to be worn. The latest fashion or fad may not fit the dress code. Any male or female clothing that gives a sloppy appearance is inappropriate. Anything that could be interpreted by the school staff as being in "poor taste" will not be allowed.

Some exceptions are made for co-curricular activities but must remain within the parameters of cleanliness, neatness, and modesty in dress.

### **EXCEPTIONS TO THE DAILY DRESS CODE**

**Jeans Days** - Denim or denim look clothing (shirts, jeans, shorts, dresses, skirts, female outfits that include a jacket, etc.) may be worn on special designated days and to co-curricular events only. The "jeans" days are listed on the school calendar.

**Spirit Fridays** – Fridays allow students to wear any school approved Lutheran High North screened or embroidered T-shirt or sweatshirt. This can be worn with dress code pants, shorts, or skirts (for girls) only. The T-shirts may be un-tucked. Shirts worn under sweatshirts must be appropriate and in good taste. Sweatshirts should then remain on all day. If the student wishes to take the sweatshirt off at any time, he / she is to be in dress code for that day (i.e. an approved LHN T-shirt or any regular dress code top).

### **ENFORCEMENT FOR ALL DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Staff will use verbal warnings and detentions to enforce the dress code. Violators (or those in question) may also be sent to the office to see the Assistant Principal. Time out of class is unexcused, counts as one of the 14 allowed absences, and a 2% deduction from the final quarter grade in each class missed may also be given. Repeat offenders will receive additional school discipline such as a non-school day suspension.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Regular attendance is important for success in school. It is also a requirement of the state. The school is responsible for the students from the time they arrive until school is over. Students are not to leave school grounds without permission during these times. The office must be able to locate them during that period of time. When students cooperate with the regulations for attendance, the school will be best able to fulfill its obligation to them. Any violation of the procedure will hold students subject to school discipline.