

# Peace Lutheran School Dress Code

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As Christians, we are guided by a sense of responsibility to *“let our light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:15*

Each student will dress in a manner that will not interfere with an orderly, wholesome, and productive school life. In addition, one of the responsibilities of maturity is to dress in a manner that is fitting to the occasion. General principles to be followed are: Christian modesty and neatness. Students should dress in conformance with common expectations for their birth gender.

## **Dress Code:**

1. All clothing must be neat and clean with no holes, tears, or frayed pant legs, etc.
2. Shoes:
  - must be worn at all times
  - must have backs (around the heel)
  - heels on shoes shall be no taller than 2”
  - must be laced and properly tied
  - may not have wheels
3. Coats and jackets made to be worn outdoors may not be worn inside during the school day.
4. Clothing may have writing and pictures on it as long as it does not refer to profanity, alcohol, drugs, sex, secular music groups/artists, professional wrestling/fighting, or anything else that is contrary to our Christian belief (i.e. symbols and pictures that have satanic implications and references to death).
5. Outerwear should not be worn to cover unacceptable clothing.
6. Hair:
  - should be neat and clean and not worn in any exaggerated style.
  - should be kept out of eyes
  - no unnatural color, mohawks, etc.
7. Tops:
  - no bare midriff
  - no mesh/sheer/see-through

- no cut-out or cut-off areas
- no low cut neckline
- no spaghetti tops/tank tops
- no exposed shoulders

Tops must have a collar unless the top is:

- past or present school theme t-shirt
- Peace wear (including PLS athletic/extracurricular programs)
- solid navy or light blue only
- Christian themed
- AR t-shirt

9. Pajama tops and bottoms are not allowed.

10. Proper undergarments must be worn and covered.

11. Hats, hoods and/or sunglasses may not be worn inside the building during the school day.

12. Shorts:

- may be worn from April 15 until October 15
- must be neat and hemmed
- may be no shorter than 6 inches above the floor when kneeling
- may not be athletic shorts

13. Capri, or other similar pants that extend just below the bottom of the knee are considered to be shorts and may only be worn from April 15 until Oct. 15.

14. Jewelry/accessories, including book bags and lunch boxes,

- should follow guidelines listed in #4 above
- jewelry worn should not compromise student safety
- no large earrings, chains, spiked collars and/or bracelets, etc.

**Female Students:**

- may wear pierced jewelry in their ears only.

Dresses and skirts:

- hems must be 6 inches or less from the floor when kneeling. If dress or skirt has a slit, it is measured from the top of the slit.

- shoulders must be covered
- no visible cut-outs

Bottoms:

- athletic pants may not be worn during the school day

The following must be covered by a dress, skirt, or sweater measuring 6 or fewer inches from the floor when kneeling and otherwise meet our dress code.

- stretch pants
- tights
- leggings
- yoga pants

**Male Students:**

- must be clean-shaven
- no piercings may be worn
- no fingernail polish or makeup may be worn

Bottoms:

The following items may not be worn during the school day:

- athletic pants
- stretch pants
- tights
- leggings

**The school reserves the right to make decisions on what is or is not acceptable.**

If a student is deemed to be in violation of the school dress code the attached violation notice will be sent home to the parent/s to notify the family. If the violation is repeated or offensive enough and the student is sent to the office, the student will not be allowed to return to class until he/she is dressed in a manner that does meet dress code requirements. Repeated violations will be considered insubordination and may result in additional discipline.

Violations of the dress code will be handled in the following manner:

- The teacher will explain the violation to the student. The student may be asked to phone a parent/guardian to report the violation or a note may be sent home.
- If the violation is not immediately correctable by the student or parent, the student may be removed from the classroom until an appropriate solution is found.
- The second violation may result in a detention.
- The third violation may result in a one-day suspension from school.

- Persistent violations will be handled according to the code of conduct, which could include further suspensions and expulsion.
- Violations during the last week of school may result in the student being removed from the Awards Assembly, other end-of-the-year events, and his or her report card being held.

Exceptions to these roles will be considered when made by parent for the health/physical conditions of their children, when presented to and after having met with the approval of the Director of School Ministries. A physician's note may be required.

Modesty is always the goal. Ultimately, school personnel will decide what is or is not appropriate for school. We do ask parents to work in partnership with us and to be the first level enforcement of dress code when students are dressing for the day.

# Notice of Dress Code Violation

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This correspondence is to notify you that your child, \_\_\_\_\_  
violated the school's dress code on \_\_\_\_\_. Although this may be the first  
"formal" indication of a dress code violation, your child has spoken with a teacher regarding the  
violation prior to this note being sent home.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this issue.

This violation of the dress code is his/her:      Warning;      1st,      2nd,      3rd      offense

Please discuss with your child and have them correct the following areas of violation:

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Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_