

**Lourdes Academy**  
**Elementary Student Dress and Grooming Code 2024-2025**  
**Kindergarten - Grade 4**  
**(06/27/24)**

**General Statement**

The purpose of the Student Dress and Grooming Code is to foster a respectful, professional learning environment with particular emphasis on neatness, modesty, and cost effectiveness. Parents or guardians are expected to support the school's enforcement of the Student Dress and Grooming Code, thus reinforcing an environment best suited to learning and faith development.

**General Guidelines**

- Clothing must be neat, clean and free of rips/tears/fraying.
- Clothing must always meet modesty guidelines. It may not be excessively baggy, tight, low cut or short. Bra straps and/or cleavage may not be showing.
- Outerwear may not be worn with the exception of fleece, sweaters, crewneck sweatshirts,  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip tops or vests that follow solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black color requirements (no hooded sweatshirts).
- Hats and sunglasses are to be removed upon entering the school building.
- Additional clothing options may be added.

**TOPS**

**Shirts:**

- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black polo (long or short sleeve).
- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black oxford; only the top two buttons may be unbuttoned.
- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black turtleneck.
- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black shirts may be worn underneath dress code polos or oxfords.
- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black polos with a Lourdes Academy Logo are acceptable.
- Solid red, solid white, solid gray, solid black or Lourdes Academy  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip tops are acceptable.

*Note: Tops that have an accent of another dress code color are acceptable. For example: a red  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip shirt with a black stripe on each side is acceptable.*

**Fleece/Sweaters/Vests:**

- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black sweaters, cardigans, fleece, crewneck sweatshirts or sweater vests may be worn with collared dress code shirts underneath.
- No hooded sweatshirts.

**Logos:**

- Lourdes Academy logos are acceptable on all shirts.
- Brand logos are acceptable if they are smaller than a Post-it note.

**BOTTOMS**

**Pants:**

- Solid black, solid gray or solid tan khaki dress style pants.
- Solid black, solid gray or solid tan corduroys with no rivets or contrasting stitching are acceptable.
- Solid black, solid red, solid gray or solid white, non-patterned leggings/tights may be worn underneath skirts.
- **Not Permitted:** cargo pants, athletic/sweatpants, denim pants, tight pants (such as jeggings, skinny pants and spandex).
- Leggings are not permitted as pants and may only be worn underneath skirts/dresses/jumpers.

**Capris:**

- Solid black, solid gray or solid tan khaki dress style capris may be worn from April through October.

**Shorts:**

- Solid black, solid gray or solid tan khaki dress style shorts may be worn from April through October. Additional days may be added at the discretion of the administration. **Shorts must be no shorter than fingertip length when standing with arms straight down.** Cargo and athletic shorts are not permitted.
- **Shorts may not be worn to church.** Students may change into shorts following mass or when the classroom teacher deems appropriate.

**Skirts and Jumpers:**

- Solid red, solid white, solid gray, solid khaki, solid black, or Lands' End approved plaid\* (see below) skirts and jumpers may be worn. **Skirts and jumpers must be no shorter than fingertip length when standing with arms straight down** (\*even when worn with tights or leggings\*). Jumpers must be worn with a dress code shirt underneath.

**Dresses:**

- Solid red, solid white, solid gray or solid black collared dresses (long or short sleeved) may be worn. **Dresses must be no shorter than fingertip length when standing with arms straight down** (\*even when worn with tights or leggings\*).

**Shoes & Socks/Hosiery:**

- Shoes and socks/hosiery must be worn at all times.
- Only shoes that enclose the entire foot are permitted.
- Sandals, crocs, flip-flops, slides, slippers, soft-sole moccasins, and heely shoes are not permitted.
- Shoes with laces must be tied.
- Heels should be no more than one inch in height.

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- Shoes must have velcro or laces and must be non-marking.
- Girls must wear shorts under skirts/dresses/jumpers.

**HATS/CAPS/HOODS**

- Hats, caps, hoods, bandanas, and sweatbands are not to be worn inside the building or on field trips unless supporting a school-sponsored cause or at the discretion of the principal or teacher.

**GROOMING/ACCESSORIES**

- All hairstyles must be kept neat, clean and a natural hair color. Extreme hairstyles (mohawks, faux-hawks, shaved designs, etc.) are not permitted.
- Hair accessories such as feathers or colored hair may not be worn unless it supports an approved school-sponsored event or cause.
- Temporary (or real) tattoos are not permitted.
- Jewelry must not be excessive or distracting.
- Piercings are not permitted, with the exception of the ears.
- Makeup or perfume may not be worn, non-tinted/non-colored chapstick is allowed.

**Lands' End Approved Plaid:** Lourdes Academy has **ONE** approved Lands' End plaid that is acceptable for our dress code. To view/purchase jumpers or skirts in the approved plaid or logo items, please visit: [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com). 1) Click: School (near the top of the page) 2) Click the box that says "Find My School" 3) Search for Lourdes using the Preferred School Number: **900172636** 4) Fill out the information for your student(s) 5) Click either "Save School" or "Shop Now".

**Casual Days/Athletic Event Days:**

The school administration may deem certain days as Casual Days. Students should check the announcements or online school calendar for designated Casual Days. Clothing may never display inappropriate advertisements, content or slogans that do not align with Catholic values. Leggings are acceptable when worn with a shirt that ends at wrist length (minimum). Sleeveless or tank tops are not allowed. Tattered, torn clothing, jeans with holes or excessively baggy clothing is not acceptable. Shorts/skirts/dresses must always meet the modestly guideline of fingertip length when standing with arms straight down. Cleavage and/or bra straps may not be showing.

**Dress Code Violations:**

When in doubt, ask for clarification from the administration. The school reserves the right to interpret and take disciplinary action on violations of the Dress and Grooming Code. In individual circumstances, the school reserves the right to declare certain clothing or grooming unacceptable. Parents will be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothing if necessary. A student is subject to disciplinary action for any dress that violates the specific requirements of the Dress and Grooming Code. Violations are referred to and interpreted by the administration, whose decision will be final.

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