

Dress policy

Cleanliness, appropriate dress, and safety are important ingredients for good school manners and healthy living. Parents are encouraged to teach their children the value of proper appearance, modesty, and cleanliness. Students' clothing choices are a means of self-expression, but these choices must be consistent with the values of the school community. We must also recognize that some clothing is too casual for the important business of education.

Here are some guidelines for students and parents:

- Practice moderation when choosing clothing, hairstyles, or make-up.
- Students may not bring fragrances, lip gloss, or make-up to school.
- All clothing should be in good repair, without rips or holes.
- Appropriate tee shirts and athletic shirts are permitted. Some logos are acceptable, for example, names of colleges or schools, state emblems, vacation spots, etc. Logos representing alcohol, smoking, violence, or anything inconsistent with school philosophy are not acceptable.
- Shoulders must be completely covered for students in grades 3-8.
- Lounging and pajama pants are not allowed.
- Athletic shorts and athletic pants are not permitted in grades 5-8.
- Leggings or spandex style pants must be covered through the mid thigh.
- Midriffs are to be covered through the normal range of motion.
- Shoes and socks are to be worn at school at all times. For safety purposes shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel. Dangerous and/or inappropriate footwear such as flip-flops, clogs, crocs, platforms, and wheeled shoes are not permitted. Where the design of the shoes requires, shoelaces must be worn and tied.
- Gym shoes are required for all physical activities.
- Headgear should be removed upon entrance to the building. Caps, hats, bandanas, jackets, or outdoor vests are not to be worn in classrooms without special permission.
- Shorts are permitted in warm weather. Students must wear shorts of appropriate length (mid thigh or longer) and styles. Spandex styles and cut-offs are not permitted.
- Children are expected to go out for recess, weather permitting. Attire for cold weather should include hats, scarves, mittens or gloves, and boots.
- Please mark boots, mittens, coats, and gym clothes with the child's name.
- Field trips may require special attire.

If students or parents need to determine if an article of clothing is acceptable, it should be brought (not worn) to school and presented to one of the staff. In the final analysis, the school reserves the right to exercise judgment for the welfare of the entire Grace Lutheran School community. The staff will provide appropriate alternate attire, if necessary.

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