

# Liberty Academy Dress Code

## 2009-2010

A standardized dress code promotes equality in a school. It levels the “playing field” for everyone and keeps the emphasis on education while instilling in students that it is their mind that is most important, not their attire. We believe our students have great leadership potential if they so choose. How they dress and carry themselves is often reflected in how they view themselves and their education. We want students to view themselves and others as confident, composed, and caring individuals. We believe a firm dress code is a great start.

\*Our official colors are: **RED, WHITE, NAVY BLUE, and BLACK**, with additions of **PASTEL PINK** (for girls) and **LIGHT (SKY) BLUE** (for boys).

**The Principal has the authority to schedule dress-down days and theme days as he deems appropriate.**

### Shirts:

1. The official school shirt must have a collar and buttons with no logos, patches, lettering, and stripes of **ANY KIND**.
2. Shirts must be solid in one of the official school colors
3. Short or long sleeves are acceptable
4. **Only WHITE undershirts, camis, turtlenecks, or Underarmor without LACE, LETTERING OR LOGOS OF ANY KIND**, may be worn underneath the official school shirt.
5. Shirts must be buttoned to a modest level. This is open to interpretation by teachers and administration.
6. Girl’s shirts **DO NOT** need to be tucked in. ***However, shirts must be long enough that NO bare skin is showing at their midriff when standing, bending, or sitting.***
7. Boys in grades 5-8 must tuck their shirts in and must wear a belt in solid black or brown.
8. Other shirts cannot be layered on top of the official school shirt.

### Pants & Skirts:

1. Pants may be long pants or shorts. Skirts, skorts, capris and jumpers are acceptable for girls as well.
2. Colors must be **TAN, NAVY BLUE, OR BLACK**, and must be solid in color with no contrasting colors of stitching.
3. No denim of any kind. (Unless a dress down day is offered by the Principal)
4. Pants may be dicker or cargo-style but must be sized appropriately and not baggy or sloppy in appearance. No outside zippers, no low riding pants allowed.
5. Knit pants or athletic pants such as sweats or warm-ups are not allowed.
6. All shorts, skirts, jumpers, and skorts must be knee length or longer, and slits in a skirt may be no higher than the knee.
7. Pants and shorts must be hemmed at the bottom with no frayed edges.
8. Pants and shirts must be of different colors. ***NO DARK ON DARK, SUCH AS BLACK WITH BLACK OR NAVY BLUE WITH BLACK.***

### Accessories:

1. Belts must be solid **BROWN OR BLACK** leather for girls and boys
2. Solid means **NO STUDS, RIVETS, SPIKES, ETC**. No scarf belts
3. Belt buckles must be small with no graphics or logos
4. Boys may wear ties that are solid or patterned in school colors. No graphics, logos, or lettering is allowed. Ties must be worn with a tight knot at the neck, not loosened and sloppy.
5. Socks must be matching and solid in school colors. Girls may wear smooth, opaque, or cable knit tights. No fish net stockings.
6. Leggings in **BLACK OR WHITE** will be allowed under dress code appropriate skirts, jumpers, or skorts. ***THEY MAY NOT BE WORN AS PANTS OR SHORTS.***

7. Hats, beanies, head scarves, gloves, or sun glasses may not be worn in class or within the building during school hours.
8. Minimum jewelry is acceptable. Girls may wear one pair of earrings in their earlobes. **BOYS CANNOT WEAR EARRINGS.** No nose rings, tongue rings, place holders, or other facial body piercings are allowed. All jewelry, if worn, must be appropriate for school and must not be a distraction. Administration will determine if jewelry is inappropriate.
9. Backpacks for grades 5-8 must be solid colored with no graphics. Brand names are allowed.
10. Shoes must be closed-toe and closed-heel. No flip flops, crocks, or Heelys are allowed. No skulls and crossbones or other like symbols.

#### **Jackets:**

The only acceptable outerwear for the wear in the **school or classroom** will be a school issued hoodie or a light weight, zip up jacket that is solid **RED, WHITE, NAVY BLUE, PINK** (for girls), **LIGHT BLUE** (for boys) and **BLACK**, without logos or lettering of any kind. Snow coats are permitted when weather dictates, but only outside, not in the building.

#### **Sweaters:**

Sweaters, cardigans, and sweater vests may be worn. They must be solid in school colors without logos, lettering, graphics, or stripes of any kind. An official school shirt must be worn underneath.

#### **Blazers:**

Students may wear a solid **BLACK, RED OR NAVY BLUE** blazer without logos.

#### **Additional Guidelines:**

1. *Any dress code items not specifically covered are not allowed.*
2. Students must adhere to the dress code during school hours and while on school property, except under special circumstances which will be determined by administration.
3. Dress code for field trips will be determined by administration based on the activities planned and place to be visited.
4. Students are not allowed to change into regular street clothes between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. As long as they are on the campus, they are to remain in dress code attire.
5. Students must present a modest, clean, and neat appearance at all times. All clothing must be clean, appropriately sized and correctly worn. Clothing must be worn ride-side out. Clothing will not be excessively worn or in need of repair. No torn or ripped clothing is permitted.
6. Skulls, crossbones, and other non-school items are not allowed on clothing or shoes.
7. Hair must be kept neat, groomed, and clean cut. No trendy, extreme hair styles or unnatural looking hair colors. (This will be determined by administration.) Boys hair must be cut above the top of the shirt collar with bangs no longer than their eyes. Hair styles must be appropriate for school. This will be determined by administration.
  - a. If a hairstyle or cut is deemed extreme by administration, it must be corrected before a student can return to school.
8. Make-up must be appropriate for school. This will be determined by the administration.
  - a. If make-up is deemed extreme, it must be removed upon request.