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Linfield Christian School (LCS) desires to create an educational atmosphere that honors God and maximizes learning. Modesty, moderation, neatness, cleanliness, and gender distinction are the overriding principles of the LCS dress code and are values expected to be embraced by all LCS students whenever they are on campus or attending a school-related activity. All wardrobe related decisions are at the discretion of school administration. Clothing should be clean, neat, and appropriately sized. Clothing that is excessively tight, baggy, dirty, or sloppy is not allowed. Modesty is *very* important. Clothing and/or any pictures, drawings, symbols, or values advertising/promotional material that promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, anti-Americanism, racism, or sexual promiscuity is not allowed. **Parental review and support before a student leaves for school is an important aspect of meeting dress code standards.** Students are expected to arrive in uniform and remain in wardrobe attire until they depart from school for the day. For students participating in co-curricular activities, please follow guidelines as provided by your coach or director. Students must be in modest dress at all times while on campus or attending all school events.

The intent of these guidelines is to allow some variety of tastes within the wardrobe framework of modesty, decency, and appropriateness. If attire is not appropriate, student will be required to change into suitable clothing in order for the student to continue the day of classes. Students will not be permitted to attend class until they are in approved wardrobe. Consequences for not following the dress regulations will result in discipline outlined by each division administrator.

Modesty Guiding Principle – *It is a violation of the dress code to show underwear, midriff, lower back, or cleavage at any time (including while leaning over or raising the arms).*

The administration is the final authority in determining and interpreting dress code policies including, but not limited to, the definitions of modesty, moderation, neatness, cleanliness, gender distinction, and natural color.

APPROVED VENDORS (listed in order of priority):

1. **Dennis Uniform** (*Primary Vendor*) – You may purchase clothes at the San Diego Dennis Uniform store or online, via the Dennis Uniform website (www.dennisuniform.com). **Please use Linfield Christian School code of DLT.**
2. **Lands' End** (*Secondary Vendor*) – You may purchase select items online via the Lands' End website (www.landsend.com/school). **Linfield preferred school number is 9001-0954-7.** Please see the Lands' End item list for specifics.

WARDROBE ITEMS:

- Tops:
 - Polos (short or long sleeve) from Dennis or Lands' End. MUST include "Linfield Christian" logo (Acceptable shirt colors available: White, Navy, Light Blue, Maroon, Pink, Gray, and Tan). Girls may not wear any other top/shirt **OVER** a polo shirt.
 - Solid white blouses, with collars and sleeves, may only be purchased from Dennis and Lands' End. **All blouses must include the LCS logo and must be buttoned up appropriately.**
 - White and Blue Oxfords (not French blue) may be purchased from Dennis or Lands' End only and must include the LCS logo.
 - Undershirts (long sleeve or short sleeve) may be worn under polos or blouses if they are not "long underwear".
- Pants and Walking Shorts:
 - Navy and Khaki flat panel, pleated or cargo pants (baggy cargo pants are NOT permitted)
 - Navy and Khaki walking or cargo shorts (Knee length or longer for Middle School and High School. Modest, mid-thigh or longer for Elementary School).
 - All bottoms (pants, walking shorts, skirts, skorts, etc.) must be worn above hips (boys and girls).
 - Excessively tight or skinny pants are not permitted.
 - Pajama pants or sleepwear are never permitted. Students are not permitted to wear any clothing where undergarments are visible or exposed.
- Capris, Skirts, Jumpers and Skorts:
 - Navy and Khaki capris, skirts, jumpers and skorts (Knee length or longer for Middle School and High School. Modest, mid-thigh or longer for Elementary School).
 - Plaid skirts and jumpers for girls will be available **ONLY** from Dennis Uniform.
 - Only girls may wear skirts, jumpers and skorts. No jumpers are allowed at the High School level.
 - No undergarments should be visible at *any* time.
 - Leggings or tights must be in solid neutral colors (black, white, navy or brown). Inappropriate designed leggings or tights (lace, fishnet stockings, leopard print, skull and cross bones) are not allowed.

- Outerwear:
 - **Sweatshirts** (pullovers) may be purchased through Dennis Uniform or LCS Blue and White Club. In addition, students will be allowed to wear official collegiate sweatshirts or plain navy or gray sweatshirts without design, branding or logos. Students will be allowed to wear sweatshirts from school related activities (i.e. drama department, special field trips like Washington, D.C., etc.)
 - **Jackets** (any outerwear garments that zip up) do not have to be purchased through approved vendors, nor must they include a LCS logo, however, they must not contradict fundamental Christian values.
 - **Sweaters** must be generic (no design or pattern) white, gray or navy in varying styles (crew, vest, button up, etc.) and **must be in a similar style offering as Dennis Uniform and Lands' End.**
- Jewelry/Accessories:
 - Body piercing (nose, lip, etc.) is not allowed, including gauges and nose plugs.
 - Girls may wear earrings in ears only; boys are not allowed to wear earrings.
 - Body tattoos are not acceptable.
 - Other accessories considered dangerous are not allowed.
 - Sunglasses are not to be worn inside unless required for verified medical reasons.
 - Accessories including socks that are contrary to fundamental Christian values are not acceptable
- Footwear:
 - Health regulations require that shoes be worn at all times.
 - Slippers (soft sole) are not permitted.
 - Shoes worn at the Elementary School may not be backless.
 - During PE and recess, appropriate shoes must be worn at all times.
- Hairstyles and hair:
 - Hair color must not be extreme (pink, blue, purple, or other non-natural color).
 - For girls, no extreme styles are permitted.
 - For boys, top of collar length hair is maximum length and must be out of the eyes; in addition, ponytails, mohawks and extreme styles are not permitted. Hair must be well groomed.
- Hats/Beanies/Hoods:
 - MS and HS boys or girls may not wear baseball caps, beanies, hats or sweatshirt hoods on campus during school hours.
 - ES students may wear caps during recesses and P.E. only; they are not allowed to be worn in the classrooms.
- Spiritwear:
 - Frequency of "Spirit" days and other "Dress Up" days will be determined at each campus by the division principal. On these designated days, students may wear Linfield T-shirts or collegiate shirts promoting accredited universities and colleges, or is part of a Linfield outreach or ministry (Door of Faith, Operation Christmas Child, etc).
 - Blue, black or gray jean pants/capri's may be worn on spirit days only. Distressed/skinny jeans are not permitted.
 - Jeans shorts and skirts are not permitted.
- Non-wardrobe days:
 - Students must still observe all modesty guiding principles, including but not limited to: jeans may not be distressed (no holes), no cleavage for girls, no bare shoulders, all skirts/dresses/shorts must be knee length. Students who are participating in a class activity/presentation must be in wardrobe in all of their other classes. They may not remain in non-wardrobe clothing for the remainder of the day.

Field Trips:

- All ES students will be required to wear a Navy polo and khaki bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, etc.) for special events and/or field trips. Please be sure that you include these in your wardrobe selections for the year.

Wardrobe Providers:

- Dennis Uniforms and Lands' End are the style standard for LCS.
- All LCS items purchased from Dennis Uniform are approved.
- Only select items from Lands' End are "approved" - see "Lands' End item list" PDF (located at www.linfield.com). Note, Lands' End items not shown on list or from other Lands' End website areas or departments may not be appropriate for Linfield Wardrobe Program.
- Appropriate "Fit and Finish": Fit: Clothes must be purchased in the correct size and worn appropriately (not too tight, not too loose, etc.). Finish: Clothes must be in good condition and not torn, ripped, faded, altered, tied or pinned up.

UNSURE? If a student or parent is unsure about any aspect of the dress code or any article of clothing, he or she is advised to ask the Dean of Students directly for clarification BEFORE the student chooses to wear the item to school.