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## Liberty Common School-Wide Dress Code

School-wide dress standards at Liberty Common School are established to create an environment of academic excellence without unnecessary distractions and to reduce social distinctions. With these dress standards, we intend to support and reinforce the themes of all aspects of Liberty Common School's character-education efforts, including the school's Foundation Stones and Capstones.

The Dress Code is in effect for all students, every day from the start of the school day until students have completed all their activities for the day. The Dress Code will be strictly enforced by all school staff members and administrators. Administrators will render final determinations regarding Dress Code.

### Tops

Tops may be only one of the following solid colors for elementary students (grades K-6): red, white, navy, burgundy, or hunter green. Solid-colored tops of all colors are permissible for high-school students (grades 7-12). Liberty Common logo patches, Liberty Common polo shirts and Liberty Common non-hooded sweatshirts in good condition (available for purchase only through the school) are allowed.

Dress-Code-compliant tops include: a shirt or blouse with a button-up or snap-up collar; a polo shirt; a turtleneck; or a mock turtleneck. Except for the top button or snap, all shirt and blouse buttons or snaps must be fastened. Shirts must be tucked in at all times in the building except in Physical Education classes.

Tops may not have stripes, prints, designs of any sort or size, or logos. No writing, drawing, or depiction is allowed on any top.

Sweaters, non-hooded sweatshirts, vests, three-quarter zip pullovers, and dress jackets may be worn over a Dress-Code-compliant top and must be a solid dress-code top colors with no logo (Liberty Common logos are approved).

Knit polo shirt-style dresses may be worn in approved top colors. School-uniform-style jumpers may be worn in approved bottom colors (see below).

Sleeveless tops are not allowed. Tops may not reveal shoulders, straps, or undergarments. Tops may be fitted, but not excessively tight, including but not limited to showing descriptive lines of undergarments. Dress-code compliant tops do not have front-opening with zippers, laces, or without buttons or snaps.

No hooded jackets or hooded sweatshirts may be worn in classrooms or hallways beyond a student's locker or hook. No clothing may be tied around the waist when in the building.

## **Undershirts**

Undershirts, including mock turtlenecks and turtlenecks, may be worn under a Dress-Code-compliant shirt, sweater or sweatshirt. The exposed portions of the undershirt (neck and sleeves) must be a dress-code-compliant top color. Undergarments or straps of any kind may not be exposed or visible at any time. No visible symbols, writing, or designs are allowed on undershirts. Undershirts must be tucked in.

## **Bottoms**

Dress-Code-complaint bottoms include: trousers, slacks, shorts, jumpers and skirts in approved bottom colors and fabrics.

Bottom colors are navy, black, or tan. Black and blue colors should not be faded to gray.

Approved fabrics for pants and jumpers are woven, twill, and corduroy.

Approved fabrics for shorts are woven, twill, corduroy and polyester (e.g. polyester flat-front golf shorts).

Approved fabrics for skirts are woven, twill, corduroy, and loosely fitting knit (e.g. maxi skirts).

Shorts and skirts may be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee in front and back when standing straight.

Solid-colored leggings and tights may be worn under a skirt or jumper in any of the approved top or bottom colors. Patterned hosiery is not allowed.

Denim fabric is not allowed regardless of color except for approved jeans/free-dress days. (Denim and twill are very similar, but when denim wears the worn part shows white, whereas twill does not.)

Dress-Code-compliant bottoms do not include: cargo pants, cargo shorts, knit/spandex bottoms (e.g. leggings, jeggings, and tightly fitting skirts) lace/lace-overlay, overalls, sweats, nylon flight pants, or gauchos. There should be no pockets below the usual pocket level. All pockets should be attached to, or just below, the waistband, with a maximum of two in the front, two in the back, and one small coin pocket. Trousers must fit properly and may not be baggy or have a sagging crotch. Low-rise pants exposing undergarments are not allowed.

## **Jewelry and Accessories**

Neckties and/or bowties, worn snug at the collar, are allowed with a full-front buttoning or snapping shirt.

No more than two earrings per ear are permitted for females. Males may not wear earrings. No visible piercings other than on the ear will be allowed. Covering piercings with bandages or using “clear” piercings is not allowed.

No more than two necklaces may be worn at a time. Only one wristband or bracelet may be worn at a time on each arm. Only one belt may be worn at a time. No spikes or studs on bracelets, belts, or necklaces are allowed.

No hats may be worn indoors. No costume style accessories (e.g. cat-ear headbands). No jewelry that depicts violence or glorifies death or violence is allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, objects or images that are materially, or depictions of, weapons, parts of weapons, ammunition, knives, blades, chains, handcuffs, bones, or skulls.

## **Shoes**

Shoes need to be appropriate for daily activity and may not be distracting (e.g. light-up shoes). Sandals worn with heel-straps are approved. For female students, dress pumps with or without heel straps are permissible. Tennis shoes with non-marking soles must be worn in gym class.

### **Miscellaneous**

Clothing worn in school should be clean, neat, and in good repair. Students may not wear badly wrinkled, tattered, torn, threadbare, or frayed clothing. Clothing may not be worn inside out or backward. Clothing may be fitted but not excessively tight. Clothing may not be see-through and fabrics must be thick enough to conceal skin and undergarments.

Hair color must be natural and limited to two natural colors. No radical/distracting hairstyles (e.g. mohawk). Corrective lenses must be a natural color and both eyes must match. No visible tattoos or drawings on oneself.

No hats, gloves or cold-weather outerwear (parkas, jackets, coats, and hooded sweatshirts) may be worn in the building beyond a student's hook or locker.

### **School-Sponsored Concerts and Field Trips**

Students must be in Dress Code or a modified version of the School-Wide Dress Code at the discretion of the teacher.

### **Free Dress Days**

Clothing must be in good condition, not tattered, frayed, threadbare, or see-through. Tops must have sleeves and must cover the shoulders, midriff, cleavage and undergarments. Bottoms must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Knit/spandex leggings, jeggings, and tightly fitting skirts are not allowed. No clothing depicting violence or glorifying death, alcohol or drugs.

### **Examples (Approved and Not Approved Bottoms)**





Not approved: ponte-knit/double knit jeggings



Not approved: Cargo Pants



Approved: Cotton twill chino shorts



Approved: Polyester Active/Performance Chino/Golf Shorts



Not approved: Cargo shorts



Approved: Loose-fitting cotton/knit maxi skirt



Approved: Loose-fitting cotton twill and knit cotton skirts (no more than three inches above the knee)



Not approved: Tight-fitting skirts (short or long)



Not Approved: Clothing with lace accents or overlays