



### **Dress Code:**

“The Christian’s wardrobe is no small matter. The daily statements we make with our clothing - intentional or unintentional, interpreted correctly or incorrectly - are among the boldest statements we make. Our children, siblings, coworkers, classmates and fellow church members cannot help but see our clothing. Everyone notices if we are sloppy or neat, simple or glamorous, provocative or modest. Clothing can both affect our self image and shape other people’s perceptions of us.” - Robert Spinney In light of this, Libertas has chosen to be intentional about the statement we make with our clothing and proactively communicate a message of propriety, professionalism, non-androgyny and unity within our school culture and to the watching world around us. This is the purpose of the “uniform dress code” policy.

Libertas expects its students to dress in a manner that is appropriate for the school setting and in good taste. For this reason we have specific requirements for uniform dress code. We ask parents to monitor their student’s school attire for conformity to the uniform dress code. Faculty and staff members have the prerogative of asking students to change their attire when an observation is made that the student is not following the uniform dress code. Parents may need to bring in a change of clothes when this occurs. The student will be allowed back in class once their attire is made appropriate. Questions may be addressed to the Libertas Administration.

General Expectations: Students are expected to abide by the following guidelines while they are in attendance at school or attending a school-sponsored activity (both on and off campus). Because of the ever-changing nature of fashion and grooming trends, the dress code is subject to adjustment at any time, and the Administration is the final authority on determining compliance with the dress code.

### **In-School Dress & Appearance:**

**Starting with the 2023-2024 school year**, students in grades JrK-12 will not be allowed to wear hoodies to school or outerwear in the classrooms. In addition, blankets, hats, visors, bandanas, sunglasses or the like will not be permitted in class.

***For the 2023-2024 school year, grades 7-12 will maintain the dress code from the 2022-2023 school year, with the exception of Thursdays and Formal Days.***

Mondays: LCS polos with student choice of bottoms

Tuesdays and Fridays: refer to the general dress code from 2022-2023.

Wednesdays: House shirts with student choice of bottoms

Thursdays and Formal Days: see below

Hair color should generally reflect a student's God-given image. Minor changes to hair color are acceptable (i.e. different shade of natural color, modest highlights) but drastic changes (i.e. blond to black or vice versa, or unnatural colors) are not acceptable.

Temporary extreme changes (i.e. color for a special event or circumstance) are not acceptable without special permission from the Headmaster, in advance.

Gentlemen's hair styles, beards or mustaches must be neatly trimmed and conservative with no extremes, such as Mohawks, ponytail, buns, or other unusual styles. Gentlemen's hair should be off the collar and the eyebrows, and no longer than the middle of the ear.

Ladies' hair styles should clearly reflect their God-given femininity. While the Bible is not specific about this, there are aspects that are clear from the phrase "God-given" and He expects that we will apply Biblical principles with wisdom. We ask students and parents to be considerate in this but if there is any question about what would be acceptable, it is advisable to seek the input of the Administration.

Wearing of earrings on gentlemen and body piercing of any other kind (ladies or gentlemen, including eyebrow, nose, gauges, tongue, etc.) is not acceptable. Ladies may not wear earrings larger than a quarter and should not wear anything as jewelry that was not intended for that purpose.

Visible tattoos are not acceptable, but because they are permanent if a student has one prior to admission or receives one while admitted, this is not an offense egregious enough to warrant expulsion. If a student is non-conforming to this policy, they may be required to wear clothing that covers the tattoo (long sleeves, turtleneck, band-aids, etc.).

**2022-2023 Dress Code (7th-12th grades):** The following are not permissible: Any style of top that reveals skin at the waist (even when raising a hand, or bending over), shows cleavage, or is skin tight is not appropriate. Tops consisting of spaghetti straps, sheer blouses, lace tops, sleeveless dresses, or sleeveless tops are not allowed. Skin cannot be visible through a lace inset, sheer fabrics or any cut out. Cap sleeves are allowed, however "cold shoulder" shirts (sleeves which are slit, eliminated or non-existent up to the shoulder) are considered a sleeveless shirt and therefore are not permitted. Any backless dresses or shirts are not appropriate. Hemlines of skirts or dresses must be at the kneecap when standing. Girls may wear leggings when worn with a shirt/dress/skirt that is at the kneecap when standing.

**Uniform Dress Code: Effective beginning 2023-2024 school year**

**Grammar School Ladies (JrK-6<sup>th</sup>, 5 days a week; skirts must be worn on Thursdays and Formal Days)**

Shirts - Maroon or White Polos

Sweaters - Maroon or Gray vest, pull over v-neck or button-up cardigan

Pants - Gray

Jumpers\* - Maroon Plaid

Skirts\* - Maroon Plaid, Solid Gray (skort, kick pleat, full pleat; MUST have shorts, solid white or black leggings or tights underneath & MUST reach the top of the knee)  
Shoes - Black with black soles (no: open toes, open backs, Crocs, winter or rain boots, etc.)  
Socks - Maroon or White knee socks, White crew socks, or Solid Maroon/White/Black tights (flat/cable knit)  
Accessories - hair bows, headbands, scrunchies, etc. all optional but must match uniform colors

**Logic & Rhetoric School Ladies (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Thursdays only & Formal Days 23-24; 5 days 24-25)**

Shirts - White Oxford Shirts\* tucked in  
Sweaters - Maroon or Gray vest, pull over v-neck or button-up cardigan  
Ties - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Cross tie;  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Striped Maroon

Blazers (required 2024-2025) - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> only: Black with logo

Pants - Gray

Skirts\* - Maroon Plaid, Solid Gray (skort, kick pleat, full pleat; MUST have shorts, tights or solid black or white leggings underneath and MUST reach the top of the knee)  
Shoes - Black with Black soles (no: open toes, open backs, Crocs, winter or rain boots, etc.)  
Socks - Maroon or White knee socks, White crew socks, or Solid Maroon/White/Black tights (flat/cable knit)  
Accessories - hair bows, headbands, scrunchies, etc. all optional but must match uniform colors

**Grammar School Gentlemen (JrK-6<sup>th</sup>, 5 days a week)**

Shirts - Maroon or Gray Polos  
Sweaters - Maroon or Gray vest, pull over v-neck or v-neck cardigan  
Pants - Black or khaki

Shoes - Black with black soles (no: open toes, open backs, Crocs, winter or rain boots, etc.)  
Socks - Black socks  
Shorts – Black or khaki (August-September and May-June only)

**Logic & Rhetoric School Gentlemen (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Thursdays only & Formal Days 23-24; 5 days 24-25)**

Shirts: - White Oxford Shirts\* tucked in  
Sweaters - Maroon or Gray pull over vest, pull over v-neck or pull over v-neck cardigan  
Ties\* - Striped maroon  
Blazers (required 2024-2025) – 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> only: Black with logo  
Pants - Black or khaki

Shoes - Black with black soles (no: open toes, open backs, Crocs, winter or rain boots, etc.)

Socks - Black socks

\*Indicate a required article of clothing for Thursdays and Formal Day, such as Pastor's Day, Dad's Day, Grandparent's Day, etc. Sweaters are optional on Thursdays/Formal Days in 23-24.

**Other Information:**

The following items must be purchased through our uniform companies: pants, polos, oxfords, skirts, jumpers, ties, sweaters/vests, blazers

The following items may be purchased at retailers other than our uniform company, but must remain in dress code: socks, tights, bike or other shorts for under skirts, shoes, accessories

**Dress Code at Libertas Events:**

Libertas students should remember, regardless of their location or the event they may be attending, that they are first and foremost representations of Christ. In addition, they reflect the values of their families and of Libertas Christian School. Therefore, all students should always seek to dress in a manner that acknowledges these realities. Ladies and gentlemen are expected to dress appropriately in regard to both modesty and style.

**Banquet Dress Code:**

Adhering to Scriptural principles of modest and appropriate dress, Libertas Christian School acknowledges there are opportunities for our students to dress in more formal attire.

Students, therefore, are expected to dress for the occasion, while still in line with Scripture. The goal of the Banquet Dress Code is to honor God, be practical, be easily enforced, be edifying to one another, and serve as a positive testimony to those watching Libertas from the outside.

I Tim. 2:9 "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety..."

II Cor. 6:3 "We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited."

Because fashion trends can change from year to year the banquet dress code is subject to adjustment at any time. The Administration is the final authority in determining compliance with the dress code.

**Ladies Banquet Dress:**

1. A semi-formal dress or gown is to be worn
  - a. The length of the dress and any slits or split skirts may not be any more than 1" above the knee when kneeling.
  - b. Dress is to be modest and not revealing of any cleavage, midriff or the lower  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the back. Spaghetti straps and strapless dresses are acceptable, but the bodice must sit no lower than parallel to and straight across from the top of the armpit. Some halter-style dresses may be accepted if they don't reveal cleavage and aren't tied at the neck. A jacket may be worn over this style of dress, as well.

- c. Dress may not have any mesh or cutouts in the front or back.
- d. Extremely form-fitting dresses may not be worn.
- 2. Dress shoes (heels or flats) are to be worn for dinner
- 3. Clean athletic shoes may be worn for dancing

Boys Banquet Dress:

- 1. Dress slacks
- 2. Dress shirt with ties (blazer optional)
- 3. Dress shoes with dress socks

Banquet attire must follow the above guidelines. Young ladies arriving at the banquet in violation of these guidelines will be asked to leave the Banquet, or where applicable, wear a sweater or leggings which will be provided, in addition to their dress. Young men arriving at the banquet in violation of these guidelines will be asked to leave the Banquet, or where applicable, wear a tie/blazer/socks which will be provided. These expectations also apply to any guests (non-Libertas students) attending the banquet (who must be approved to attend by the Administration a month in advance of the Banquet). Any student with questions about their Banquet attire may set up an appointment with the Administration to have the items approved ahead of time.