

## DRESS CODE

The Lake Forest Academy Dress Code reflects the Academy's belief that how you present yourself communicates engagement and a seriousness of purpose and positively impacts the quality of life and social standards of the school. The Academy recognizes that not all students express their gender in line with their biological sex and thus supports any student's expression of gender within the spirit of the dress code. LFA also supports our gender non-binary or non-conforming students within the spirit of the dress code.

It is the responsibility of each student to adhere to these ideals daily. Students not adhering to the Academy's Dress Code will be recorded by the Dean of Students Office under the point system. Repeated violations will result in more serious disciplinary action. It is important to note that a faculty member makes the final decision as to whether a student's dress and appearance is appropriate; when a student is asked to change, he/she will be expected to respect that faculty member's judgment and act upon the request immediately and without argument. Reports to the contrary will be addressed to the Dean of Students. Repeated reports will result in a detention and may also be considered by the Discipline Committee.

Academy students are expected to look "academically professional" and clothes must be clean, in good repair, and neatly worn for the three categories of the Dress Code, which vary according to time, place, and occasion. The guidelines for each are as follows:

This category applies to the academic day on the Academy campus:

### MALE

- Collared shirt or collared, button-down shirt that is tucked in.
- Dress pants, khakis, nice-colored denim, or corduroys, accompanied by a belt. *Pants with pockets down the legs, athletic pants, sweat pants, shorts, leather pants, low riding pants, or pants that are frayed or ripped are not allowed.*
- Dress shoes or nice sandals. Non-athletic socks are encouraged with both.

### FEMALE

- Nice tops of modest fit and at least three fingers of shoulder coverage. Collared shirts, collared blouses and polo shirts are strongly recommended. *Plunging necklines and uncovered spaghetti straps are not allowed.*
- Khakis, nice-colored denim, or corduroys. *Pants with pockets down the legs, athletic pants, sweat pants, shorts, leather pants, low riding pants, or pants that are frayed or ripped are not allowed.*
- Dresses and skirts of mid-thigh or longer length.
- Dresses must also allow for three-finger shoulder coverage. Spaghetti strap or razor-back dresses must be covered with a sweater, jacket, or blazer.
- Leggings are only acceptable with dresses or skirts. *Leggings worn alone as pants are not acceptable.*
- Dress shoes or nice sandals (flip-flops are not acceptable).
- Sweaters, jackets, blazers, or LFA sweatshirts are optional on regular school days. *Non-LFA sweatshirts are not allowed.*

After the conclusion of the academic day, students may wear clothing of their own choice as long as it is in good taste, good condition, clean, and neat. Regardless of the time, place, or occasion, clothing that is indecent or provocative is inappropriate and not permitted. For all students, neither hats nor hoods are appropriate or allowed during the academic day, either in the academic buildings or in the dining hall. At times throughout the year there may be periods of Casual Dress Code. Casual Dress Code will be announced and defined so that the students are aware of what is acceptable during those periods of time.