

Legacy Preparatory Charter Academy

Updated Scholar Dress Code

As authorized by state law and the LPCA charter, scholars are required to wear uniforms to school. The school's uniform policy and grooming standards are designed to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and provide a dress standard that offers flexibility for parents and scholars. Scholars must come to school cleanly and neatly groomed and wearing clothing that will not distract from the educational atmosphere of the school.

Parents must provide their scholar(s) with the required uniform, except in the case of educationally disadvantaged scholars as provided in the Texas Education Code. LPCA may provide a uniform for economically disadvantaged scholars. A request for school assistance for purchasing uniforms must be made in writing to the Campus Leadership and include evidence of the inability to pay. Further details are available in the school office. A parent may choose for his or her scholar(s) to be exempted from the requirement of wearing a uniform if the parent provides a written statement that, as determined by the Board of Directors, states a bona fide religious or philosophical objection to the requirement.

Notice to Parents and Scholars

School uniforms are an important part of maintaining a learning environment free from distractions. Scholars who arrive to school inappropriately dressed or groomed inappropriately will not be permitted to attend any classes until they are in proper uniform, and any class time missed will be counted as an unexcused absence. Dirty and ripped uniforms are considered as inappropriate. The scholar's parent will be called to bring a change of clothing. Violations of the school's uniform and grooming policy and grooming standards may result in disciplinary action under the Scholar Code of Conduct.

The LPCA administrative team is responsible for interpreting, implementing, and enforcing the dress code policy. The Campus Director has the final decision in determining when attire is not acceptable.

The Uniform Dress Code at LPCA is a positive factor which contributes to school discipline and scholar safety. Furthermore, uniforms foster a spirit of teamwork in our school community. We urge LPCA parents to fully support all policies in regard to the school uniform. The purpose of the LPCA Dress Code is to establish a safe environment where outsiders are easily recognized and self-control and obedience to rules is established.

Uniform Top

All scholars must wear the appropriate school uniform shirt for their grade level. No other shirt colors or styles are permitted. All shirts must be correctly tucked into pants at all times and supported with a solid black or brown belt. Shirts should not be gathered in any form in the back (this includes knots).

Acceptable school uniform shirt colors are as follows:

- Kindergarten - 5th grade: Hunter/Forest Green (**DARK** green – no light green shirts please!)
- 6th–8th grade: Red
- 9th -12th grade: Purple

Polo shirts with the LPCA logo may be purchased from the school, but are not required at this time.

Uniform Bottom

- All scholars must wear properly fitting khaki pants or shorts. Nothing should be overly tight on the body.
- Pants and shorts may not fit skin tight (**skinny jeans**), be baggy or sag, or have a low waistline.
- Shorts and skirts/skorts must be to the knee or longer.
- No jeans (denim) or cargo-style pants/shorts are allowed. No "jogger" or "skinny" style pants. No baggy cargo pants. Pants and shorts may not be ripped, torn or dirty.
- Black or brown fitted belts must be worn. Belts must fit properly and not hang down when buckled.
- Pants and shorts must be worn properly at the waist.

Grade	Polo Shirts	Jacket	Pants/Shorts/ Skirts/ Skorts (K-2 only) (to the knee, not arm length)	Belt	Shoes
K-5th	Hunter/Forest Green	Black– no hoodies	Khaki	Black/Brown	Athletic
6th-8th	Red	Black or dark Blue – no hoodies	Khaki/Black	Black/Brown	Athletic
9th-12th	Purple	Black or dark Blue – no hoodies	Khaki/Black	Black/Brown	Athletic

Additional Uniform Policy and Grooming Requirements and Limitations

In addition to wearing proper school uniforms, LPCA requires that scholars adhere to the following standards:

- Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times.
- Hair styles and coloring must not distract from the learning environment. Male scholars with facial hair must keep it neatly groomed. Scholars who violate these rules may be sent home and disciplinary action taken.
- Jewelry may be worn in moderation (one necklace, one bracelet or cloth wristband, one pair of stud earrings or hoops no larger than a quarter). Primary (grades K-5) scholars may wear one pair of stud earrings only.
- Cosmetics-Only moderate makeup or nail polish is permitted for secondary scholars only. Cosmetics, nail polish, hair products, etc. may not be applied at school. Elementary scholars are not permitted to wear makeup of any kind.
- Shoes must be athletic rubber-soled shoes. Multicolored, mismatched, or otherwise distracting shoelaces are also not permitted. No sandals, flip flops, boots, high heels, dress flats, or slippers are permitted. White socks must be worn with athletic shoes. No "footies" are allowed.
- Gang related paraphernalia will not be tolerated.
- Scholars grades K-2 are required to wear long pants or shorts, skorts, or skirts to the knees.

- Skirts and skorts must be worn with shorts underneath.
- During colder weather, no colored leggings or long sleeved undershirts may be worn under the uniform except for two colors: black or white.
- Scholars in grades 3 - 12 are required to wear long pants or knee-length shorts, or skirts to the knees. **NO skinny or tight fitting pants or leggings. Pants ripped at the knees are not allowable.**
- Clothes worn on free dress days must still follow the guidelines of not being dirty, ripped (including jeans bought with tears in them), nor leggings or skinny/tight pants, etc.
- Jackets and sweaters must be solid black and hoodless with no graphics or writing on them.
- No gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters (other than approved uniform sweaters), sunglasses, or ear warmers are to be worn in the classroom. Scholars must store these items in their backpacks during instructional time.
- Inappropriate, offensive, or disruptive clothing items are not allowed under any circumstances. Examples include, but are not limited to, clothing depicting or promoting drugs, alcohol, violence, prejudice, or obscenities.

Questions regarding the school's dress and grooming standards should be addressed to the Campus Leadership. Although clothing is subject to the discretion of the Campus Director, final approval can only be given by the Superintendent. Under no circumstances will parents or staff be allowed to override decisions made by campus leadership regarding dress code. The Scholar Dress Code may be revised at any time.