

## **DRESS CODE GENERAL POLICY**

Purpose: To establish and promote a positive, safe, educational and spiritual climate. At Immanuel Lutheran School, we believe that a student's appearance affects his/her behavior and attitude. The clothing standard is also designed to help students learn Christian modesty and to learn what is appropriate dress for certain times and places. Adherence to the Clothing Standard is primarily the responsibility of the STUDENT and PARENTS; secondly, the teachers and school staff. Immanuel recognizes that clothing styles and fashions are fluid, changing year-to-year, even week-to-week. Therefore, the Board of Christian Education of Immanuel authorizes the Principal to make appropriate judgments on new fashions or styles that, in their judgment detracts from a positive and safe school environment.

### **POLICY SPECIFICS**

1. Clothing will be clean, neat, hemmed, and in good repair.
2. Clothing will be appropriately sized. No skin tight or over-sized clothing.
3. Shirts: polo shirt, oxford shirt, blouse, turtleneck, Henley, pullover, striped or solid.
  - NO crew neck t-shirts
  - No writing or pictures on shirts
  - Must be tucked in if so designed
  - Long or short sleeve (no sleeveless)
  - ILS spirit t-shirts allowed on Fridays or on field trips
4. Slacks: navy blue, black or tan in color.
  - Must be worn at the waist
  - NO sweatpants, wind-suits, leggings or stretch pants, or Cargo Pants
  - Each Friday is Jeans Day. Dress code top on those days.**
5. Shorts: navy blue, black, tan, or plaid color.
  - May be worn from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Must be worn at the waist, length must be mid-thigh or longer
  - Walking shorts or capris
6. Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers/Dresses: navy, black, tan or plaid (hunter green, navy).
  - Must be mid-thigh or longer
7. Sweaters/Sweater vests/Fleece vests/Sweatshirts: solid color, no writing or pictures.
8. Students wearing sweatshirts should have a dress code appropriate shirt underneath.
9. Footwear: must be in good repair and must be closed back or have a strap in back. **No flip flops.**
10. Grooming: regardless of style, hair must be worn in such a way as to present a neat, clean appearance.
  - Hair must be the child's natural color. Boys may not have pony tails or hair that is longer than chin length
  - Modest makeup will be allowed in Middle School only
  - No piercing of the body will be allowed other than one in each ear
  - No tattoos of any type may be worn
11. Scout Uniforms: may be worn on scout meeting days only.
12. Also note requirements for yearly procedures regarding Middle School Dress code.

### **DRESS CODE, MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Many students in Middle School are very conscious of clothing styles, fashion, and fads. Since many of these styles tend to change from year to year, students and teachers must determine which ones conform to the dress code regulations and which ones do not. At the beginning of the year (or whenever needed) procedures will be implemented that provide a consistent and faithful interpretation of the dress code.

Some of these procedures could include:

1. No exposed buttocks, bellies, or cleavage.
2. No sagging pants.
3. No headwear may be worn in the school building.
4. No clothing that could be gang related may be worn.
5. No visible underwear.
6. No ripped or torn clothing.
7. No loose chains or pointed studs.
8. If two shirts are worn, the inner one will be tucked in.