

Holy Cross Lutheran School Dress Code Philosophy

The dress code at Holy Cross Lutheran School is geared toward simplicity, neatness, modesty and uniformity. Children come to school to learn; anything that detracts from the learning process is not appropriate in the classroom. It is recognized that there are varied opinions as to what constitutes neatness, modesty, and appropriateness. Holy Cross Lutheran School requests the cooperation of students and parents in adhering to the school's published dress code as we seek to glorify the Lord. **The administration at Holy Cross Lutheran School reserves the right to determine if a student's clothing is unacceptable; however, the primary responsibility for enforcing the dress code belongs to the parents, enabling the staff to focus on its primary goal of education.**

Holy Cross Lutheran School Dress Code for Early Childhood Programs

Clothes and shoes that are comfortable and allow for movement (crawling, climbing, etc.) are the best for school. We recommend play clothes that are easily washed to remove messy art materials, dirt or spoilage from play activities. Students are expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. We want children in the Early Childhood Programs to be comfortable, neat, clean and safe so that they can concentrate on their school work.

The following clothing is not allowed:

- Clothes which advertise tobacco, drugs, or alcohol
- Apparel with obscene or questionable printing or pictures
- Short shorts (please have shorts be at least mid-thigh in length)
- Halter tops, bare backs, swimsuits, tank tops with spaghetti straps
- Bare midriffs
- Bandanas, hats or caps

Proper footwear is also important so that children may fully participate in recess and other outdoor activities. Tennis shoes are the preferred footwear for all students.

The following footwear is not allowed:

- Flip flops
- Crocs
- Sandals without backs
- Snow boots and rain boots are worn only on snowy/rainy days and children will need appropriate shoes to wear once inside the building.

In the winter, it is advisable to dress young children in layers so that they can take off a sweatshirt or sweater if they get too hot, or put one on if they are too cold. Students will go outside every day when the temperature is above freezing. Please be sure that your student has appropriate outdoor wear including a coat, hat and mittens/gloves.

It is suggested that all clothing should be marked with a fabric pen and/or labeled such as boots, hats, coats, sweaters, etc.

All children in the Early Childhood Programs should have a change of clothing in their backpack to be used in the case of accidents, spills, etc.

ALL STUDENTS

HOLY CROSS SPIRIT DAYS

(to be announced by Holy Cross administration)

- Sleeved Holy Cross spirit wear, including school t-shirts (collar not required)
- Sleeved Holy Cross uniform shirts (e.g. baseball, soccer)
- Jeans

SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

Appropriate dress that represents Holy Cross Lutheran School in a respectable and dignified manner should be worn to school sporting events and school functions at and away from school grounds.

EXCEPTIONS

There are occasions when exceptions to the Dress Code Philosophy will be made including spirit days, field trips, special programs, etc. These exceptions will be approved and communicated by the Holy Cross administration.

When classes, teams, or groups travel as representatives of Holy Cross, the Holy Cross administration will be responsible for maintaining a standard of dress appropriate for the occasion.

