

## DRESS CODE (Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Purpose: Zion Lutheran School's dress code has been established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline and modesty, prevent disruption, avoid hazards, and provide for a successful learning environment. Research indicates that a correlation exists between the way one perceives the world and himself/herself and the way one dresses. Clothing fashions and styles do, to varying degrees, affect personal behavior and how one is perceived. In the educational setting at Zion Lutheran School, standards of appearance and modesty need to be consistent with Christian thoughts, values, and actions. For the reasons stated, the following factors apply to our school dress code.

1. School dress must be safe for school activities in and out of the classroom.
2. Our dress code is a learning experience in the sense that it helps students become more responsible and accountable.
3. It is the parent's responsibility to educate their children as to the appropriate dress for different occasions, to support the school's dress code, and to be aware of the clothing their student wears to school.
4. It is the student's responsibility to know, understand, and follow the dress code of the school.
5. It is the responsibility of the school's representatives to enforce the code. Zion Lutheran School reserves the right to reject any article or accessory worn to school by the students if the article is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to the dress code standard. The provisions for the dress and grooming code shall be enforced equally for all students. If the student is not in compliance with the dress code, he or she will be asked to make appropriate corrections and will receive a notice of dress code violation. Upon receiving a third dress code violation for the school year, a detention will be given to the student for every subsequent violation. Parents may be notified when a student does not dress appropriately and could be asked to bring the appropriate clothing to school. Students may be suspended from class until properly attired. The teachers and the administration reserve the right to counsel students regarding clothing, hair, accessories, and personal hygiene.

## Dress Requirements (Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

### Shirts/Blouses:

- † Short or long sleeved
- † Polo (Golf Style) Shirt (knit shirt with collar)
  - † Turtleneck Shirt
  - † Solid Color or Striped
  - † No Writing
- † Shirts must be appropriately sized; no tight fitting or oversized garments are allowed.
- † An example of a shirt length would be if the arms are raised above the head, no part of the midriff or back should be exposed.

### Sweatshirts/Sweater/Vest:

- † **Approved shirts MUST be worn underneath (See above “Shirts/Blouses”)**
  - † Solid Color
  - † V-Neck, Crew Neck, Cardigan
  - † No Writing
  - † No Hoods

### Pant/Short/Capri:

- † Short is knee length
- † Capri is mid calf or longer; plain/pleated
- † Navy, Khaki, Black, Gray, Green, Brown
- † They will be worn at the natural waistline at all times
- † They will not drag on the ground, have holes, be tattered/frayed, or be oversized
- † NO JEANS, DENIM, or ATHLETIC WEAR

### Jumper/Skirt/Skort:

- † Knee length or longer
- † Navy, Khaki, Black, Gray, Green, Brown
- † NO JEANS, DENIM, or ATHLETIC WEAR

### Shoes:

- † Tennis, athletic, oxford, loafer style shoes
- † Laces will tie on top of the shoe
- † All shoes must be Non-Marking and must have a back on them
- † Socks/hosiery will be worn with all foot apparel
- † Shoes need to provide safe foot protection for all types of school activities
  - † No Heels
  - † No Sandals

### Jewelry

#### *Girls:*

- † All jewelry must be removed during physical education class
- † Jewelry may be worn as long as it does not distract from the learning environment or cause potential hazards
  - † No exaggerated jewelry i.e. dog collars, studded bands, etc.
- † No jewelry that requires piercing of any part of the body, other than the ear, may be worn

#### *Boys:*

- † All jewelry must be removed during physical education class
- † Jewelry may be worn as long as it does not distract from the learning environment or cause potential hazards
  - † No exaggerated jewelry i.e. dog collars, studded bands, etc.
  - † No earrings of any kind are to be worn by the boys

### Other:

- † Elaborate or extreme cosmetics, hairstyles, or jewelry are not allowed