



Student Standardized Dress Code

Zion Lutheran School

Belleville, Illinois

Zion Lutheran School provides a Christ-centered approach to education, and we desire to glorify God in all that we say or do, including in our “outward adornment” (1 Peter 3:3-4). We believe that student growth, development, and learning is best achieved when a sense of Christian decorum and modesty is maintained.

Therefore, Zion Lutheran School has a dress code policy for kindergarten through eighth grade students. This policy encourages standardized dress that reflects our pride and joy as those made in the image of God and bearing witness to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In addition to maintaining a Christ-centered environment, research in this area shows that standardized dress for students can:

- Instill a greater sense of personal and school pride
- Allow teachers and administrators to spend more time on teaching, learning, and building relationships
- Reduce distractions for students during the school day
- Assist in maintaining discipline
- Help promote a positive identity as a member of the ZLS community

- **Tops:**

- All tops must be plain colors - white, gray, black, navy, royal blue, light blue, and yellow
- Plain T-shirt, polo-style, or oxford-style shirt, or blouse
- Any Zion Spirit Wear (has been purchased from Zion Spirit Store, Zion-issued team, or Zion-issued club)
- Any non-Zion logos must be smaller than a half-dollar and located in the pocket area of the top

- **Sweatshirts & Sweaters (worn inside the building during class):**

- All sweatshirts and sweaters must be plain colors - white, gray, black, navy, royal blue, light blue, and yellow
- Plain crew-neck, pullover, or hooded
- Plain crew-neck, V-neck, or button-down sweaters
- Any non-Zion logos must be smaller than a half-dollar and located in the pocket area of the top
- **Coats, Jackets, & Sweatshirts** worn for warmth outside **do not** have to fall in line with the specific colors and logo sizes as the rest of the dress code.

- **Dresses & Jumpers**

- All dresses and jumpers must be plain colors - white, gray, black, navy, royal blue, light blue, and yellow
- Collared top or crew neckline
- Jumpers with polo-style or oxford-style shirt
- Dresses, jumpers, and skirts - Bottom hem of shorts and skirts must meet or exceed the length of the wearer’s fingertips when fully extended on sides

- **Bottoms:**

- All bottoms must be plain colors ONLY in khaki, black, navy blue, or gray
- Plain or pleated, tailored-style or jogger-style pants or shorts in cotton twill, linen, corduroy, or dri-fit fabric. Shorts, pants, and skirts must not be fleece, nylon, spandex, other athletic material, or cargo-style.

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- Leggings (in plain colors listed above) ONLY under a skirt, jumper, or dress that is aligned with the dress code
- Bottom hem of shorts and skorts must meet or exceed the length of the wearer's fingertips when fully extended on sides
- Jeans (only on Fridays)
- **Shoes:** All shoes must be safe for the activities at school. Flip flops may not be worn.
- **General Guidelines:**
 - When in doubt, do not wear it.
 - All clothing must be of proper size for the student.
 - Clothes must be in good condition, with no holes.
 - No hats or hoods are allowed in the building.
 - No sunglasses are allowed in the building.
 - Undergarments and midriffs must not be visible.
 - Necklines no lower than armpit level.
 - Hair coloring must be natural hair colors only.
 - Piercings are allowed on the ears only.
 - Coats, jackets, and pull-overs may be any color or design when worn outside only.
 - Any profanity, wording, or messaging that is not aligned with Zion's mission will not be allowed
- **Guidelines for Student Athletes**
 - On game/performance days, eligible athletes/students may wear their uniform shirt or prescribed team shirt to school, if required by the coach/instructor
 - Sweatshirts and T-shirts from athletic events are prohibited unless required or prescribed by the coach/instructor. Examples of such events include tournaments, state competitions, or out of town competitions.
- **Dress Down Days and Spirit Days**
 - Approximately one day a month will be designated as "dress down" or "Spirit Days". On those days, students are expected to exercise good judgment in the choice of their apparel.
 - Clothes must still meet dress code requirements of: proper size, length, messaging, covering
- **Dress Code at School Events**
 - Students must remember they are representing a Christian school and their dress should be reflective of that. Students may be asked to change clothes or leave the activity if their clothing is not in keeping with that theme.

Dress code decisions are made solely by the school administration and are not subject to appeal. All dress code infractions will be communicated through our school information system. Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be asked to change if there is an appropriate change of clothes available. If the problem persists, the student will wait in the school office until an appropriate change of clothes can be brought to school.

The examples below are suggestions for clarification and are not meant to be an exhaustive list.

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			 <p>jogger-style, cotton twill or linen</p>
			
 <p>sweatpants/athletic style joggers</p>	 <p>cargo style shorts/pants</p>	 <p>athletic shorts</p>	 <p>Sweatpants or athletic pants</p>