Salem Lutheran School Dress Code

The following policy strives to establish a positive dress code that maximizes each student's witness and learning potential while attending Salem Lutheran School. A dress code helps promote school spirit while maintaining a neat appearance of the student body. This wardrobe further identifies students as members of the school community and fosters a spirit of cooperation, participation and safety.

General Guidelines

Students of Salem Lutheran School are to be well groomed and dressed in clean clothes free of frays, tears and stains while on campus during school hours and during all school sponsored activities. All clothing items should be worn as intended. Appropriate undergarments are to be worn at all times.

Shirts

Yellow, gray or black short or long sleeved polos or oxford shirts of any material are acceptable. Shirts may be embroidered with the Salem Wildcat logo. All shirts must be solid colored without contrasting logos. Shirts are to be long enough to stay tucked in at all times.

Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts & Jumpers

Dress or docker style pants are permitted in solid colors of khaki, gray or black. Pants should not drag on the floor. Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses are to be worn at the waist and be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Only solid color gray or black leggings that are free from any pattern, design, lace or frills, may be worn underneath skirts, dresses or jumpers. Sweatpants, joggers and yoga pants are not permitted.

Belts

Beginning in 3rd grade, brown or black belts, without any accessories, must be worn at all times with pants, shorts or skorts that have belt loops.

Shoes & Socks

Modest shoes such as tennis shoes are recommended. Backless shoes, slippers, sandals, Crocs or flip-flops are not acceptable. Students must wear socks/stockings with their shoes. Toes are not to be exposed.

Outerwear

Jackets and coats are not appropriate for wear in the classroom. Students who are concerned about being cold while in the building should wear long-sleeve shirts and sweaters, as allowed in the dress code.

Additional Dress Expectations Notes

- As a Christian school, Salem Lutheran does not allow outward physical expressions of non-Christian beliefs.
- Any sweatshirt, sweater or quarter-zip pullover bearing the Salem Lutheran School Logo may be worn over polo shirts during the school day. Hoods may not be worn on heads while inside the school building during the school day.
- Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the school building during the school day unless designated as a part of a spirit day.
- Hair should be clean, neatly groomed and in a natural color so that it is not a distraction.
- Body piercing, tattoos or other body markings, temporary or permanent, are not acceptable at school and school functions. Writing on the skin is not permitted.
- Jewelry must not be a distraction. Earrings are allowed but limited to the earlobe.
- Only girls in 7th and 8th grade may wear makeup in moderation.

Spirit Days

The 1st Friday of each month is Spirit Wear Day. Short or long sleeve Salem Spirit Wear t-shirts, Salem team apparel and faith family shirts may be worn on Spirit Days. Normal school appropriate bottoms will be worn on 1st Fridays unless otherwise specified.

Dress Down Day Attire

Occasionally, the school will announce a dress down day. Students are expected to exercise good judgment in their choice of clothing. Clothing featuring alcohol, cigarettes/vaping, drugs, skulls, bands/performers or symbols related to the same, or is too tight, too loose, too revealing or shows a bare midriff is not allowed. No spaghetti straps or tank tops. Dress code regulations regarding length of skirts and shorts remain in place. No leggings may be worn as pants. No pants may have writing or pictures on the backside. No ragged or torn clothing where skin is visible is allowed. Students dressed inappropriately may lose dress down day privileges for the balance of the quarter or school year and may face disciplinary measures.

Dress Code Violations

We believe that adhering to the stated dress expectations is an important way that our students show respect. Please refer to the discipline policy as outlined in the Parent and Student Handbook for further information regarding dress code violations. The administration reserves the right to amend the dress code at any time with the approval of the school board.