



## 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.” 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. 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 during the school day for students
- Assist in maintaining discipline
- Help promote a positive identity on our campus and in our surrounding community
- **Tops:**
  - Plain colors - white, gray, black, navy, royal blue, light blue, and yellow
  - Plain polo-style or oxford-style shirt, or blouse
  - Any Zion Spirit Wear (has been purchased from Zion Spirit Store or Zion-sponsored event and is unaltered)
  - Any non-Zion logos must be smaller than a half-dollar and located in the pocket area of the top
- **Sweatshirts & Sweaters:**
  - 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
- **Dresses & Jumpers**
  - 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 must extend 3-4” above the top of the knee at the maximum.
- **Bottoms:**
  - Plain or pleated, tailored-style pants (or shorts) in cotton, corduroy, or similar fabric
  - Leggings worn only under an appropriate skirt, jumper, or dress
  - Plain colors - khaki, black, navy blue, or gray
  - Walking shorts and skorts must extend 3-4” above the top of the knee at the maximum.
  - Jeans (only on Fridays)
- **Shoes:** All shoes must be safe for the activities at school. Flip flops may not be worn (*no change from previous dress code*).
- **General Guidelines** (*no change from previous dress code*):
  - All clothing must be of proper size for the student.
  - Clothes should be in good condition, with no holes.
  - Hats of any kind and hoods may not be worn inside the school building

- o Undergarments and midriffs should not be visible.
- o Hair coloring should be natural colors only.
- o Piercings are allowed for female students only and on the ears only.

Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be given a notice that may need to be signed by parents and will be asked to change if there is an appropriate change of clothes available. If the problem persists, parents will be notified by the school office where the student will have to wait until an appropriate change of clothes can be brought to