

Dress Code

While student dress is, first of all, a parental responsibility, the school has a right and a responsibility to establish expectations and regulations regarding dress that reflects the dignity of the individual in God's sight. Therefore, Atonement Lutheran School has developed a "standard dress" policy. Since learning is a formal activity and how a person dresses affects one's behavior and reflects one's attitude, the school wishes to emphasize that a student's dress should be in keeping with an academic environment. Students are expected to comply with the standard dress policy outlined below. In general, any student dress or appearance, while not specifically outlined below, may be considered unacceptable if in violation of the modest, neat and clean spirit of the standards.

Early Childhood Program: Children should be in comfortable clothes with few buttons as fasteners. **Please send children in close-toed shoes for active play.** Children in the Early Childhood Program should have a set of spare clothes at the school in case of "accidents."

Elementary School Program: The fit of the clothing should be appropriate for the child, neither too small, nor too tight, nor several sizes too large. **Please send children in close-toed shoes for active play.** Shorts, skirts, and skort must go at least to the child's fingertips. All clothing should properly cover the person's body and not allow visual access to undergarments. Girls should wear shorts under their dresses especially because of outside play. Sleeveless shirts must have a 2" strap. No open midriff outfits or halter-tops will be allowed. Clothing which displays or promotes violence, drugs, alcohol, rock groups or unchristian behavior or language is not allowed.

Hairstyles and jewelry should not attract abnormal attention to a student's overall appearance to interfere with learning. No piercing allowed other than one set of earrings for girls. Earrings on boys will not be allowed.

Tattoos, temporary or permanent, should not be visible.

Shoes should have a back or a back strap. Parents need to remember that the children will be outside and running. As parents select shoes for children, protection during play should be considered.

Consequences of dress code violation:

- Note sent home
- Parents are contacted to bring a change of clothing
- Repeated violation will lead to suspension.