

**\*\*Anchor Lutheran School - Dress Code (2026–2027)\*\***

**Our Purpose** - At Anchor Lutheran School, our dress expectations are designed to support a Christ-centered learning environment where learners can grow academically, socially, and spiritually. We aim to:

- Promote modesty and respect for self and others
- Minimize distractions to learning
- Encourage student responsibility and independence
- Maintain accessibility and flexibility for all families

When making clothing choices, students, staff and families should consider:

- Is it appropriate for a learning environment?
- Is it safe and practical for school activities?
- Does it reflect respect for self and others?

Final determination of appropriateness rests with school administration.

**General Expectations (Applies to All Students and Staff)** - Clothing, accessories, and personal presentation should support a Christ-centered, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment. Students and staff are expected to ensure that their appearance:

- Is clean and in good condition (no significant holes, tears, or fraying)
- Provides appropriate coverage of torso, midriff, and undergarments

The following are not permitted:

- Explicit language
- Drug or alcohol references
- Sexually explicit or suggestive imagery
- Racially discriminatory content
- Imagery inconsistent with Christian values, including occult, horror, or explicitly violent themes
- Messaging, characters, or symbols that significantly disrupt the learning environment, including controversial or political content

Additional expectations:

- Hats may not be worn inside during the school day
- Hair must remain within natural color ranges (subtle highlights are acceptable)
- Personal appearance, including makeup and nail polish, should be age-appropriate and not distracting
- No visible student tattoos or markings
- Jewelry and accessories should not be distracting or create a safety concern
- Students who have P.E. must wear P.E. appropriate clothing on their designated P.E. days

## **Clothing Guidelines**

**Bottom - Allowed:** Anchor apparel/uniform, jeans, denim, or khaki pants, dress pants or dress shorts, semi-formal cotton pants (e.g., chino joggers), cargo pants (side pockets), skirts and dresses (girls only). Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be an appropriate length (hand width above the knee or longer). Stretchy pants are allowed for students up to Grade 1 or under a dress/skirt/shorts.

**Not Allowed:** Athletic pants or athletic shorts, sweatpants, dance pants.

**Tops - Allowed:** Anchor apparel/uniform, collared shirts, polos, blouses, turtlenecks, sweaters and sweatshirts (including hooded sweatshirts), solid, striped, or patterned t-shirts, christ-centered or school-centered apparel. Must provide appropriate coverage (no bare midriff, back, or low necklines), must cover undergarments.

**Not Allowed:** Graphic t-shirts unless Anchor, school-centered, or Christ-centered, spaghetti straps, visible undergarments.

**Footwear - Allowed:** Athletic shoes, sneakers, dress shoes, boots and sandals with a back strap

**Not Allowed:** Slippers, flip flops, heels higher than 2 inches, backless footwear, Crocs, or slip-on footwear

**Outerwear - Allowed:** Crewneck sweaters, quarter-zip or full-zip layers, fleece, flannel, hooded sweatshirts. Hoods may not be worn inside during the school day

**Not Allowed:** Jackets, coats, or rain jackets during instructional time (must be removed inside)

**Flexibility & Support -** Reasonable flexibility will be provided for sensory sensitivities, medical or orthopedic needs and developmental considerations. Students who have P.E. must wear P.E. appropriate clothing on their designated P.E. days. Additionally, Alaska native traditional clothing and other traditional clothing is acceptable if it falls within the general expectations such as a kuspuk or kilt.

Families are encouraged to communicate with the school so we can support individual needs.

**Enforcement:** Our goal is to approach dress code concerns with grace, clarity, and consistency. Final determination of appropriateness rests with school administration.

If a concern arises:

1. The student will be respectfully informed
2. Adjustments will be made during the school day if needed
3. Families may be contacted for repeated concerns

**Final Note:** We are grateful for the partnership of our families as we seek to create an environment where students can thrive. Thank you for helping us foster a community rooted in faith, respect, and belonging.