



LEMAN ACADEMY
of EXCELLENCE

DRESS CODE

The Philosophy of Dress

At Leman Academy of Excellence (LAE), we believe that a scholar's appearance reflects their respect for the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. The dress code is designed to minimize distraction, foster a focused academic atmosphere, and promote a sense of unity and equality within our community. Clothing must be modest, neat, clean, and in good repair. We view the dress code as a partnership between the school and the home. While the school provides the standard, we rely on parents to ensure their scholars leave for school each morning in proper attire. In all matters of personal appearance, the LAE Administration serves as the final authority on what is appropriate for the learning environment.

General Guidelines

Clothing must be modestly loose at all times. Midriffs and all undergarments, including camisoles, must be fully covered, and sheer fabrics are strictly prohibited. Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be worn at the natural waist. Scholars are permitted to wear socks of their choosing, including solid colors, bright colors, and patterns, provided they do not feature unwholesome messaging. Hair should be neatly styled, kept out of the eyes, and maintained in natural colors. Hair accessories such as bows and headbands are permitted as long as they do not create a distraction. Similarly, jewelry and makeup should be minimal and consistent with a professional academic environment.

Footwear and Headwear

Shoes must be worn at all times and must be secured to the heel for safety. Acceptable footwear includes athletic, casual, or dress shoes worn with socks, as well as sandals that adhere securely at the heel. For safety and professionalism, "flip-flops," clogs (including Crocs), slides, slippers, heels exceeding two inches, or "rollers" are not permitted. On P.E. days, scholars must wear shoes appropriate for physical activity. Regarding headwear, hats, caps, bandanas, and sunglasses are for outdoor use only, though administration may make exceptions for specific headwear on a case-by-case basis.

Monday–Thursday: Uniform Standards

During the standard school week, scholars must wear traditional, uniform-style clothing in solid colors. For bottoms, scholars may wear pants, capris, shorts, skirts, or skorts. Athletic-style bottoms are not permitted (i.e. gym shorts without belt loops). Shorts, skorts, and jumpers must have a minimum five-inch inseam, and skirts must be at least fingertip length. Jumpers must always be worn over a collared shirt. For tops, scholars must wear solid-colored polo shirts, either short or long-sleeved, which must have a collar and cover the midriff. While polos may be any brand, they should not have writing other than a small logo (no larger than a credit card). Note: No jeans (in any color) or athletic wear is permitted except for on Fridays (see below).

For layering inside the building, scholars may wear plain, solid-color sweaters—including pullovers, cardigans, or half-zips—as well as non-hooded sweatshirts or jackets. All sweaters and indoor jackets must be worn over a dress-code-compliant collared shirt. Any leggings worn under skirts or dresses may be solid or patterned. Please note that jeans and athletic wear are not permitted from Monday through Thursday.

Outdoor Wear

When outside the building, scholars are permitted to wear outdoor coats, jackets, and sweatshirts that feature patterns or designs, provided they do not include scary, political, or offensive language or images. However, these items must be removed immediately upon entering the classroom. Any outerwear worn inside the building during the instructional day must adhere to the solid-color, non-hooded guidelines mentioned above.

Friday Free Dress Day Guidelines

Fridays are designated as Free Dress Days, allowing scholars to wear a favorite T-shirt with blue jeans, cargo pants, or athletic shorts. All T-shirts must be modest and not low-cut. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, and crop tops are not permitted. Shirts must be long enough to cover the waistband when arms are raised. If a shirt features a message or image, it must be appropriate for the LAE learning environment, such as college logos or sports teams.

Denim and athletic pants must fit properly, be free of holes or rips, and should not be "low-riders" or extremely tight. Leggings are permitted to be worn as pants only on Fridays, provided they are paired with a top that is at least fingertip length and covers the scholar 360° around. If you have any questions regarding specific items, please contact the main office prior to purchase.

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MONDAY - THURSDAY



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