

Grades 7-12 Dress Code

I. Introduction

It is expected that all parents will be aware of what their children wear to school and will support the school in requiring clothing which shows consideration for the feelings and convictions of others and is consistent with Christian modesty and humility.

The following rules apply whenever a student is on campus during school hours:

II. Footwear

All students must wear, at all times, shoes or sandals which completely cover and protect the bottoms of the feet.

III. Pants, Shorts, and Skirts

All students will wear clean pants, non-athletic shorts, or skirts, of completely opaque material, without rips, holes, or tears, at all times. All shorts and skirts must come to the knee or lower. Form-fitting pants or shorts, which are not covered by other approved pants, shorts or skirts, are not permitted. Sweat, pajama, wind, track, yoga pants, etc. are not permitted. Samples of appropriate pants and shorts are available on the Lands' End School website; however these samples are not considered required, school-sponsored apparel.

IV. Hair & Accessories

Hair should be neat, clean, well-groomed, and above the eyebrows. Unusual hairstyles and unnatural hair dyes are not permitted.

No caps or hats of any type are permitted.

Boys' jewelry may consist of watches and Zion class rings only.

Girls' piercings are limited to the ears.

Visible tattoos are not permitted.

V. Physical Education

For all physical education classes, students must wear proper non-marking footwear, a t-shirt, and knee length athletic shorts.

VI. Tops (School-Specified)

A. Spirit Wear

Spirit wear includes sweatshirts and t-shirts that are associated with Zion athletic teams and other school groups, as well as items sold at school-sponsored apparel sales. Students may wear "spirit wear" on Wednesdays and other days designated by school staff.

B. Regular Wear

1. Overview

With the exception of Wednesdays and other designated days, all students will wear school-specified tops purchased from Lands' End School.

School-specified options for both genders include polos, oxfords, sweaters, and fleeces. Crew neck t-shirts are also available for girls. With one exception (noted below), a school-specified polo or oxford must always be worn; school-specified sweaters and/or fleeces may only be worn over school-specified polos and oxfords. Note: The one exception to the polo/oxford requirement is that girls may wear a crew neck t-shirt directly under a sweater (t-shirts may not be worn as an outer layer, nor may they be worn directly under a fleece).

Benefits of school-specified clothing include:

- Creates an atmosphere of serious learning
- Simplifies dressing and dress code
- Reduces peer pressure and social stigmas
- Lowers long-term clothing costs (see cost explanation below)
- Allows for cohesive presentation as a group
- Facilitates security by identifying visitors
- Simplifies laundering

2. How to Purchase

- a) Items must be purchased from Lands' End School. A link to the website showing the styles and colors specific to Zion can be found on our website at www.zionchristian.net/student-life/dress. Only the styles and colors specific to gender and grade level may be worn - you must enter this information for each child when ordering.
- b) Items may be tried on for fit at school. Various color samples are also available.
- c) Items may be purchased online or in Sears stores (both Rivertown Crossings and Woodland malls contain Lands' End sections). Free shipping is always offered when purchased in a Sears store. Notify the Sears Lands' End associate that you are purchasing clothing for a Zion Christian School student and they will direct you to an order kiosk. Be sure to confirm that the associate enters the appropriate code needed for free shipping.
- d) Lands' End gift cards may be used online and at Sears stores.
- e) Lands' End Guarantee: "If you're not satisfied with any item, simply return it to us at any time for an exchange or refund of its purchase price." Returns are accepted for any size issue or product defect even if the item has been embroidered, washed or worn. Returns may be made by mail or in Sears stores.

3. Cost

- a) Name brands have led to a significant increase in the cost of children's clothing. This explains why clothing is the largest average back to school expense for older children at an average of \$246.10. Purchasing durable clothing with a clear resale market will decrease long-term clothing costs for most families.
- b) Because of their frequent promotions, school families pay an average of 85% of Lands' End retail prices. Examples of Lands' End promotions are as follows:
- \$4.50 off all polos; free shipping
 - \$20 off all orders of \$75 or more; free shipping
 - \$40 off an order of \$100 or more; free shipping
 - Penny logos; free shipping
 - \$20 off an order of \$75 or more; \$4.50 off polos; free shipping
 - 20% off all tops; free shipping
 - 20% off your entire order; free shipping
 - 25% off everything; free shipping
 - 25% off all bottoms; free shipping
- c) Sign up at www.landsend.com/school for sale updates from Lands' End.
- d) Zion will host periodic resale days in which families will have opportunity to buy and sell gently used clothing.
- e) If required, help is available in the form of \$25, \$50, or \$100 Lands' End gift cards per child (this benefit is available to returning students only and is offered only for the 2013-2014 school year). Confidential notice of your need may be given on our website at www.zionchristian.net/student-life/dress. Gift card requests must be submitted by March 31 and will be distributed to requesting families in April only after the family's reenrollment is complete and the \$50 reenrollment deposit is submitted (the reenrollment deposit is not required for families using PayEasy).