

# Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College DRESS CODE

## STUDENT DRESS CODE: Jr. High (Grades 7-8)

Each year parents ask for guidelines as they help students select appropriate attire for school. It is our belief that school pride, morale, and image are influenced by the general appearance of our students. Additionally, the school establishes high standards of personal conduct so that each student's attire promotes a positive, safe, healthy atmosphere within our school.

Guidelines include, but are not limited to:

1. **Uniform Tops:**

Daily wear will be the official red, black, Kelly green or light blue uniform polo shirts. If any t-shirts are worn under the polo shirts, they must be white or the color of their uniform shirt and must be tucked in.

2. **Uniform Pants, Skirts, and Jumpers:**

Pants, shorts, capris: must be black or khaki. Pants must be uniform or dress pants, "Dockers" style (no black jeans, tight pants or low rise/hip-hugger pants or pants with decorations). Length of shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap, and cannot be rolled. (i.e., Bermuda shorts or walking shorts). Tight/form-fitting stretch pants, or bagging/sagging is not allowed. No frayed edges will be allowed.

3. **Uniform Skirts and/or Jumpers:**

Hems must be no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap. Skirts or jumpers with decorations are not allowed. No fish nets or stockings with designs may be worn under dresses. Only black or white leggings can be worn under skirts and jumpers. Socks need to be either white, brown or black and can be ped-style.

4. Clothes must be neat, in good repair and not overly wrinkled.

5. Shoes must be black, brown, blue or white tennis shoes. Socks can be ped- style and either white, black or brown.

6. Jewelry is limited to one bracelet, ring, necklace or one set of earrings. Gauges are not allowed.

7. Fridays are Dress Down Days and the same policies that are in the High School Dress Code apply.

## STUDENT DRESS CODE: High School (Grades 9-12)

Each year parents ask for guidelines as they help students select appropriate attire for school. Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College is a College Prep school that promotes academics and character development. It is our belief that school pride, morale, and image are influenced by the general appearance of our students. Additionally, the school establishes high standards of personal conduct so that each student's attire promotes a positive, safe, healthy atmosphere within our school. It is the goal of the school to prepare students for jobs and careers after high school, where dress codes are prevalent. Students must recognize that brief and revealing clothing or attire with offensive messages is not appropriate apparel in school.

Guidelines include, but are not limited to:

1. **Shirts and tops should be long-sleeved, short-sleeved or regular sleeveless; no tanks are allowed** and tops may not expose midriffs or be too low cut in the front, back, or under the arms. Halter-tops, tanks, razor back tops, tube tops, strapless garments, and shirts with spaghetti straps are not appropriate. No straps from undergarments should be visible. **Dresses may be sleeveless but must not be strapless, halter, razor back, or have spaghetti straps and must be no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap.** Clothing may not be made of sheer fabric.
2. **Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap, which would include Bermuda shorts, walking shorts or longer jean shorts. Skirts and dresses must not be shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap.**
3. Students shall not wear clothing that contains messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous; that demean others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote alcohol or drug use or violence; or that are otherwise contrary to the school's educational mission.
4. Students shall not wear pants/jeans that, when fastened, sag or fit below the waist. All pants/jeans must fit around the waist and be properly fastened so that no undergarments are showing.
5. Students may not wear pajama pants, form-fitting "work-out" pants, sweatpants or basketball shorts. PE uniforms, worn during PE are an exception. Exceptions may also be made for designated spirit days. Fridays will be considered Dress Down Days and students can wear basketball shorts and sweatpants but **not form-fitting pants.**
6. Any attire or grooming deemed to be gang related is prohibited when such attire or grooming creates an atmosphere of threat, intimidation, or undue pressure or disrupts the educational environment/process or interferes with curriculum goals or educational objectives.
7. Also NO:
  - a. Tattered and torn clothing, including jeans/denim.
  - b. Hats (all) and hats that are altered from their original forms. This includes both boys and girls.
  - c. **Tank tops** of any kind, including underwear. This applies to both genders.
  - d. Trench coats.
  - e. Hairnets, bandanas, and do-rags.
  - f. Clothing that references drug/alcohol markings.
  - g. Clothing that displays inappropriate messages.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times on campus according to state law and for student safety. **Slippers or house shoes are NOT acceptable footwear.** Shoes must have a thick sole.
9. Body piercings, including facial piercings, may not be visible, which includes any part of the metal, while a student is on campus. Students will be asked to remove any piercings that are visible the entire time they are on campus. Earrings are allowed, but not in excess.
10. **Tattoos including temporary ones, writing or drawing on skin may not be visible and must be covered the entire time a student is on campus.**

11. Hair should be neat and clean with no Mohawks, faux hawks, long spikes, or brightly unnatural hair colors (blues, greens, pinks, purples, some shades of red, yellow, orange, etc.) Exceptions may be granted for plays, parties, or spirit days. Hair may not be disruptive to the learning environment: this includes hairstyles which cover the eyes or face.
12. Facial hair must be neat and well-trimmed.
13. Make-up should be worn with modesty.
14. No costumes may be worn except for designated spirit days.
15. Clothing, backpacks, binders, or other accessories, jewelry, or bracelets with symbols or negative messages are not allowed at school. Jewelry and ornamental accessories such as chains, wallet chains, spiked collars, or spiked wristbands are NOT allowed, as they present a safety hazard to self and/or others.

School Administrators will make the final decision regarding appropriateness of any student's appearance.

**Students and their parents/guardians have the responsibility to be aware of the school's dress code and conform to these requirements. Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College may add other restrictions if the school Administration deems it necessary. If a student or parent has any questions about whether specific attire or accessories are in compliance with the dress code, they should contact the Administration prior to wearing such attire or accessories to ensure compliance. Parents may be called to bring a change of clothes if their student is violating dress code policies.**

Any student violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, warning, parent conference, school detention, in-school suspension, or off-campus suspension. In addition, the student will remove the garment or accessory and replace it with an appropriate alternative provided by the school, student, or parent, depending upon the circumstances.