

Leading Edge Academy Maricopa Campus DRESS CODE (Grades K-8)

ELEMENTARY: Grades K-5

The school uniform will be worn upon arrival to the school campus and until the student has departed from the campus. The school uniform will be as follows:

Uniform Tops

Daily wear will be the official red, white, or navy blue polo shirts. Shirts should be tucked in when possible. If any shirts are worn under the polo shirts, they must be white.

Uniform Pants, Skirts, and Jumpers

- Pants, shorts, and capris must be navy blue or khaki. Pants must be classic “docker style” uniform or dress pants (no cargo pants, low rise/hip-hugger pants, baggy or with decoration). Length of shorts must be within two inches of the knee. Tight/form-fitting, stretch pants, or bagging/sagging are not allowed. No frayed edges will be allowed.
- Black, Brown or Navy Blue Belts and suggested for pants with belt loops.
- Skirts and/or jumpers: Hems must be no shorter than two inches above the knee. In the interest of modesty we encourage girls to wear shorts under their skirts or jumpers. No frayed edges will be allowed. Skirts or jumpers with decoration are also not allowed.
- Clothes must be neat, in good repair and not overly wrinkled.

Winter Wear

Solid red, white, or navy blue sweat shirts, sweaters, or jackets may be worn. These may be worn during class and while on campus. Any other winter wear may be worn to and from campus, however, they must be removed while in class and on campus. Winter wear may only be worn through the months of mid-October to the end of March. Long sleeve white cotton jersey shirts may be worn under uniforms at all times.

JR HIGH: Grades 6-8

Based on parent and student feedback, all Leading Edge Academy Maricopa 6th-8th Graders will adhere to a revised Uniform Dress Code. These changes in the uniforms give the students some of the choices they requested. 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. These guidelines include:

Uniform Tops

Daily wear will be the official red, black, dark green, dark blue, or light blue uniform polo shirts. Shirts should be tucked in when possible. If any shirts are worn under the polo shirts, they must be white.

Uniform Pants, Skirts, and Jumpers

- Pants, shorts, and capris must be black or khaki. Pants must be classic “docker style” uniform or dress pants (no cargo pants, low rise/hip-hugger pants, or with decoration). Length of shorts must be within two inches of the knee. Tight/form-fitting, stretch pants, or bagging/sagging is not allowed. No frayed edges will be allowed. Belts and belt loops are required on all pants.
- Skirts and/or jumpers: Hems must be no shorter than two inches above the knee. No frayed edges will be allowed. Skirts or jumpers with decoration are also not allowed.
- Clothes must be neat, in good repair, and not overly wrinkled.

Winter Wear (6-8 Grade)

Solid red, black, dark green, dark blue, or light blue sweat shirts, sweaters, or jackets may be worn. These may be worn during class and while on campus. Any other winter wear may be worn to and from campus, however, they must be removed while in class and on campus. Winter wear may only be worn through the months of mid-October to the end of March. Long sleeve white cotton jersey shirts may be worn under uniforms at all times.

ALL STUDENTS: Grades K-8

Uniform Shoes and Socks

Clean gym/tennis shoes will be worn with the uniform. Gym/tennis shoes and shoe laces will be black, brown, dark navy, or white. NO sandals, open-toe, or open-back shoes will be allowed. Socks are to be worn at all times. Girls may wear solid white, navy, or black socks or tights. Boys may wear solid white, navy, or black crew (not ankle) socks that extend over the ankle.

Other Grooming & Dress Standards:

1. No hats, bandanas, or other head coverings may be worn. Girls may wear bows, barrettes, headbands, clips and scrunchies. Exception: Hats may only be worn on the playground and must be taken off when entering the building
2. It is expected that all students will come to school well-groomed. Boys are to be clean-shaven, and hair length should be cut above the collar and not in their eyes. No tattoos (fake or real) are to be showing.
3. Faddish hairstyles, haircuts (i.e. spiked [short or long], tails, Mohawks, "faux hawks"), faddish coloring, or bleaching is not allowed.
4. Makeup is allowed for girls in sixth grade and up only. Distracting makeup, such as glitter, dark lipstick or eye shadow, loud or odd nail colors, are not allowed.
5. Jewelry may include ear jewelry (cuffs, earrings, etc.) which may be worn only on the earlobe, one basic necklace, one bracelet or watch around the wrist, and one ring. No more than two (2) pieces of jewelry may be worn on/in one ear. No other body piercing is allowed.

General Dress Code for "Dress Down Days"

Fridays, and some pre announced special occasions, will continue to be Dress Down Days. The dress code for Dress Down Days is as follows:

- Baseball Caps or Hats may be worn to and from school and during outside activities. They may not be worn inside any buildings.
- Shirts or T-shirts must cover waistband of pants or stay tucked in to the waistband of pants with no midriff or lower back exposed at any time. On all shirts there will be no low necklines or low backs. The entire back and front must be covered and no underclothing may show. All shirts need to meet these standards regardless of additional shirts, jackets, blazers, or other outerwear worn over them. Inappropriate or obscene language, advertisements, or images including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, nudity, occultism, or other possibly offensive symbols are not allowed on any shirt or other article of clothing. *Sleeveless, spaghetti strap, or tank tops are not allowed.*
- Shorts will be permitted if the bottom hem comes down to the mid-thigh when student is in a seated position. The hem of the shorts must reach the halfway point. Extreme baggy/saggy-style shorts showing underclothing or any midriff are not acceptable.
- Pants must be of an appropriate size for the person wearing them with no extreme baggy or sagging styles. Pants that are sagging low in the waist, crotch, or seat are not permitted. The width of the pant legs may not extend to the side of the student's leg more than 5 inches at mid-thigh, 6 inches at mid-calf, or 8 inches at the ankle. The length of the pants should not drag below the sole of the shoe. Extremely tight pants that restrict movement are not permitted. Absolutely no underclothing may show.

- Dresses and Skirts must be within three inches of the knee. Spaghetti strap or sundress style dresses are not permitted. Jumpers worn with a sleeved shirt fall into the skirt and shirt category and are acceptable when following all length standards. Shorts *must* be worn underneath dresses, skirts, or jumpers on P.E. days.
- Shoes/sandals with a back strap are allowed. Flip-flops, house slippers, or any foot covering that appears to be unsafe for everyday activity are not allowed. *Sneakers should be worn on P.E. days.*
- Jewelry and Body Piercing – Pierced jewelry may be worn only in the earlobes. Ear jewelry (cuffs, earrings, etc.) may be worn only on the earlobe. No more than two (2) pieces of jewelry may be worn on/in one ear. No other pierced jewelry is allowed. Jewelry should be very moderate both in size and in amount and worn so as not to be a distraction.
- Hair may not be distraction to others. Appropriate grooming and hygiene standards must be met. Hair should be neat and clean with no Mohawks, “faux hawks”, long spikes, or brightly unnatural colored hair (blues, greens, some shades of red, yellow, orange, etc.). Streaking and other hair coloring treatments and styles may be considered out of dress code if teachers or administrators deem them distracting to learning. Exceptions may be made for plays, parties, or spirit days.
- Make-up should be worn with modesty and not be a distraction.

*School personnel have the discretion to make the final decisions on inappropriate clothing. Students who do not comply with the dress and grooming standards will be sent to the office. One or more of the following disciplinary actions will be taken when necessary:

1. Warning: Parent will be notified with a phone call. Infraction notice will be sent home with the child. It is expected that the child not repeat the infraction.
2. Students will remain in office until an appropriate change of clothing is brought to school.
3. A parent conference will be scheduled after numerous infractions.
4. Subject to the school’s discipline plan, continued disregard for the dress and/or grooming standards may result in further disciplinary action.

****If there is any doubt, **DO NOT** wear it or buy it!!!