



Uniform Expectations 2020-2021

We believe as a school community that our attitude about what we do or how we feel about ourselves is often influenced by what we wear. We are proud of our efforts to serve a diverse population of students. The uniform expectation is one method we use to level the playing field for all students who attend Lake Wales High School. Adhering to a common uniform expectation can also serve to develop a strong sense of community and school pride. This is also a safety issue; if someone is on campus without a uniform, we know they are not officially part of this school. Use the rule of good judgment. If you have to consider whether it's appropriate, then you probably should not wear it.

We realize that life as we know it has been altered by Covid-19, so we decided to change it up a little bit to make your re-entry into the new year a bit more relaxed. This will be in place for the first semester; if a pattern emerges that students begin to push the relaxed expectations; we may have to revisit this modification.

It is simple; the more mature you are--the more freedom you have!

Seniors are allowed to be out of uniform for the 1st semester of the 20-21 school year. Please refer to the "Dress Down Day" and "Miscellaneous" expectations below.

Underclassmen are allowed to wear jeans for the 1st semester of the 20-21 school year. Please refer to the expectations listed below for "General Dress".

Remote Learning students must wear a shirt and pants for all Google Meet and Zoom Meetings.

Masks

- Must be worn at all times on campus.
- Masks must cover nose & mouth
- Masks must be worn in the cafeteria unless you are stationary and actively eating.
- Neck Gaiters are not allowed (<https://tinyurl.com/neckgaitersCOVID19>)
- Masks must be free of inappropriate language/content, flags, offensive content and political references
- No bandanas

General Dress M-TH

- Black/Orange/White LWHS Polo at all times.; even under approved jackets/hoodies.
- Shirts must be tucked in
- Khaki Pants/skirts/skort/s/shorts (must sit above the hips) must be fingertip length
- Blue or Black jeans (free from holes, rips or tears) **1st semester of 2020-2021 ONLY**
- All skirts/pants/shorts must be hemmed
- Small/modest jewelry is acceptable.
- No medallions – small necklace is okay
- Tennis Shoes, TOMS, Crocs, sandals, and slides (NO FLUFFY SLIDES or BEDROOM SLIPPERS)

Friday Attire

- Shirts: (at all times.; even under jackets/hoodies.)
- LWHS T-shirts
- College Shirts
- Former school shirts
- LWHS Polo
- College Jackets/Hoodies are not Friday attire.
- Blue or Black jeans (free from holes, rips or tears)
- Khaki Pants/skirts/skort/s/shorts

Outerwear

- You Are Your Brother's Keeper Hoodie
- LW Approved Jacket
- Herff Jones Senior hoodie – Seniors only
- Approved Jackets are sold through Applied Images
- Sports or extracurricular club jackets are permissible without hoods & should clearly be school colors orange/black/white
- If you go to state, the hoodies would not be allowed.
- *In the event of extremely low temperatures in the 40s, exceptions will be made and communicated to the students during the school day.



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Senior Privilege

- Seniors will have the privilege of being out of uniform for the 1st semester of the 20-21 school year.
- Follow the expectations laid out in the “Miscellaneous” and “Dress Down Days” sections.
- All year, seniors are allowed to wear blue or black jeans in good repair (pants only)

Undershirts

- T-shirts worn under the uniform Polo shirt must be plain white, gray, or black.
- Turtlenecks must be black and worn under the LW polo

Game Day Attire

- Shirt/Jersey of team sport must be tucked in - if sleeveless, must have shirt under jersey (white/grey/black)
- T-shirts from a state tournament can be worn on Fridays.

Dress Down Days

- School appropriate attire and remember:
- No Spaghetti straps
- No holes in jeans
- No exposed midriffs
- No pajamas
- No bedroom slippers
- No legging/yoga pants
- No visible undergarments
- No attire advertising any drugs/sex or alcohol

Miscellaneous

- **IMPORTANT! If you are not a senior and wear a senior hoodie or jeans, you may receive a work detail or suspension**
- Merchandise purchased from a sports team as a fund raiser must follow our uniform policy if you wish to wear it at school; no hoodies and must be school colors to wear on campus.
- No hats, wave caps, do-rags, scarves, bandannas, or other head coverings may be worn. They should not be visible anywhere on campus.
- Hairstyles should not obstruct one’s line of vision or distract others. Black, white, gray headbands only.
- Pierced ears with moderate jewelry that does not present a hazard.
- No dental ornamentation (dental grills-silver or gold)
- Nose piercing with a small stud only (no hoops)
- Career Academy Students are allowed to wear their academy shirts, scrubs, or chef coats on Wednesdays.
- Dri-fit LW Polos are okay.

School administration will determine if clothing is appropriate for school and complies with LWHS expectations. If a student fails to adhere to uniform expectations, he or she is referred to the Dean’s office. If the behavior continues it ceases to be about the uniform and becomes an issue of respect or insubordination that may result in suspension or the student may be directed to an alternative place. If a student refuses to follow the uniform expectations, they should return to their zoned school. Lake Wales High School is clear about the uniform expectation by noting that we have a uniform policy on every application to attend LWHS