

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.

LWHS Student ID badges must be worn around your neck on a lanyard and be visible at all times.

LWHS Uniform (Monday-Thursday)

- Black, orange, or white cotton/dri-fit LWHS polo
- Undershirts may be worn under the uniform polo.
 - These must be solid black, grey, orange, or white
- Shirts must be tucked at all times on campus
- Khaki pants, skirts, and shorts of appropriate length
- Sneakers, Crocs, sandals, and slides
 - No fluffy slides or bedroom slippers.

Friday Attire

- Regular LWHS Uniform as described above
- LWHS t-shirts (clubs, athletics, state tournaments, etc.)
- College or Military shirts
 - College or Military outerwear is not approved
- Blue or black jeans
 - No frays, holes, rips, or tears
 - No jean shorts or sagging
- Shirts may be untucked (only on Fridays)

Senior Dress Code Privileges

- Seniors have the privilege of wearing blue or black jeans Monday through Friday
 - No frays, holes, rips, or tears
 - No jean shorts or sagging
- Herff Jones Class of 2023 Senior hoodie

Outerwear

- You Are Your Brother's Keeper hoodie is the *only* approved hoodie for LWHS.
- Any LWHS uniform jacket

Winter Dress Days

Only when announced by LWHS via callout system, LWHS social media account, or Schoology post by a staff member.

- Regular LWHS uniform polo with any appropriate hoodie/jacket/sweater
- Black or Blue jeans are permitted for Winter Dress
 - No frays, holes, rips, or tears
 - No jean shorts or sagging

Miscellaneous

- Shorts/skirts must be fingertip length
- Must have school approved shirt under all jackets and hoodies at all times.
- Small/modest jewelry is acceptable. Nose piercing with a small stud only, no hoops
- Clothing purchased from a sports team as a fundraiser must follow our uniform policy if you wish to wear it at school; no hoodies and items must be school colors (black/grey/orange/white) in order to wear on campus.
- Career Academy students may wear their academy shirts, scrubs, or chef coats on Wednesdays.
- Student athletes may wear their sport shirt/jersey on game day. If sleeveless, a shirt must be worn under jersey (black/grey/orange/white).

Items not permitted including Dress Down Days:

- Hats, wave caps, do-rags, scarves, bandannas, or any other head coverings may not be worn.
- Dental ornamentation (dental grills-silver or gold)
- Leggings, pajamas, sweatpants, yoga pants
- Spaghetti straps, exposed midriffs, and visible undergarments
- Any attire advertising alcohol, drugs, or sex

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.