



Dress Code Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the dress code is to promote attire that reflects positively on the University Laboratory School (ULS) and its students, and upholds standards of modesty, neatness, and cleanliness. The dress code also supports campus safety by making it easier to identify enrolled students and distinguish them from non-students and other visitors. These guidelines apply to all students during the school day. Interpretation and enforcement of the dress code, including the resolution of any alleged violations, are at the sole discretion of the University Laboratory School Administration.

Most approved items can be purchased from the Cub Shop on the ULS website.

The school reserves the right to amend or clarify this policy during the school year as needed. Families will be notified of substantive changes in a timely manner.

Compliance

Compliance with the ULS dress code is part of the school Code of Conduct. Students are expected to adhere to all components of this policy during the school day. Those who are found to be in violation of these guidelines should expect consequences in accordance with the Student and Parent Handbook. Any absence resulting from a dress code violation will be considered unexcused.

Additionally, if found non-compliant, a parent or guardian may be asked to bring approved clothing to campus, or the parent may be required to purchase appropriate items from the Cub Shop.

General Guidelines

Monday – Thursday

A defined set of approved tops, bottoms, dresses/jumpers, and outerwear are required Monday through Thursday. All clothing items must be neat and clean. Tennis shoes are required for all students daily.

Fridays

Fridays are considered “Spirit Days”. Any ULS themed apparel that meets the standards of modesty, neatness, and cleanliness is approved to wear to school. Tennis shoes are still required.

Special Dress Days

Occasionally there will be days when students are allowed to dress outside of the required dress code. Details regarding the approved attire for these days will be communicated to students and families in advance. Additional details are provided in the chart below.

Smart Devices

Smart devices and internet-connected personal electronic devices are strictly prohibited on campus during school days. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, cellular watches, smart watches, smart glasses, and any wearable or portable device capable of wireless communication, internet access, recording, or data transmission.

Hats and Hoods

Hats may not be worn during the school day unless approved by administration for a specific occasion, unless religious or medical reasons specify otherwise. Students can wear hooded sweatshirts, but the hood cannot be worn indoors during the school day.

Personal Hygiene

Good personal hygiene and grooming are expected when students report to school.

Logo Transition Timeline

Collared polo shirts and sweatshirts sporting the former logo will be allowed for the 2026-2027 school year. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, these will only be allowed on Fridays.

TOPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must wear a black, white, or gray University Laboratory School polo or Dri-Fit t-shirt each day, Monday – Thursday, displaying one of the approved logos/designs purchased from the Cub Shop.
PLAID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only ULS plaid dresses and jumpers, in both the traditional and collared styles, are permitted daily. Black, white, or gray polo-style dresses are not approved.
BOTTOMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may wear solid black or khaki pants/joggers, shorts, or skorts, or may choose approved ULS plaid skirts, shorts, skorts, or jumpers. Black sweatpants purchased from the Cub Shop are permitted for daily wear; no other sweatpants are allowed. Bottoms must be worn at the waist. Shorts, skirts, skorts, or jumpers must not be shorter than four (4) inches from the top of the knee. All skirts and jumpers must have one of the following worn underneath in solid black or ULS branded only: shorts, leggings, tights. <p><u>Special Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All bottoms must be free of rips and holes. Cut-offs are not permitted. Undershorts should not extend beyond the hemline of the shirt or jumper.
OUTERWEAR

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If worn, approved logoed sweatshirts, hoodies, or jackets sold in the Cub Shop must be worn over an approved shirt each day, Monday –Thursday. ● Non-branded outerwear may be worn upon entering the building but must be placed in lockers or backpacks when not outside. These may not be worn in the classroom.
SHOES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students (K-12) are required to wear athletic-style shoes Monday – Friday. These must be a closed toe, closed heel, and hard sole shoe that is designed for walking, running, or physical activity. ● Crocs, Uggs, slippers, sandals, boots, or other non-athletic style shoes are not permitted unless explicitly approved on special dress days.
PE UNIFORMS (6th-12th PE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th - 12th grade students must dress out in the required uniform for PE class. This consists of the ULS PE uniform top and bottoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-5: No PE uniform ● Grades 6-8: Gold ULS PE shirt with designated black shorts ● Grades 9-12: White ULS PE shirt with designated black shorts ● Additional shirts and shorts may be purchased from the Cub Shop on the ULS website.
FRIDAYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students may wear any University Laboratory School themed tops with jeans or approved uniform bottoms. This includes specialty collections, athletic team apparel, club merchandise, and previously approved spirit wear. ● Athletic shoes are still required on Fridays.
SPECIAL DRESS DAYS
<p>School Picture Day: A black University Laboratory School branded polo shirt with a collar is required on school picture day with approved bottoms. Elementary students should also wear a black polo on class picture day.</p> <p>Athletics & Student Organizations: High school students who are part of an official ULS school team or student organization may wear their athletic uniforms or traditional game day wear (football, cheerleading, etc.) to school on game days. Club members and other student groups or initiatives (theatre, BSU, U_Matter, etc.) may wear their group’s shirt on meeting days with approval from Administration.</p> <p>Elementary Field Trips: Elementary students should wear their assigned class colored T-shirt and ULS approved uniform bottoms unless otherwise instructed. Field trip shirts are mandatory and billed through FACTS.</p> <p>Secondary Field Trips: Middle and high school students must wear a University Laboratory School branded polo shirt with a collar and ULS approved uniform bottoms unless otherwise instructed.</p>

Themed Dress Days: Themed Dress Days are celebrations for students, faculty and staff. Each day has a specific theme that students can choose to dress in, or they must wear their traditional ULS uniform. **Themed dress days are not considered free-dress days.** (Examples: home football game theme days, PJs for the Pantry, etc.)

Please see the [Dress Code FAQ](#) for more information.
Questions regarding the dress code should be directed to universitylab@lsu.edu.