



# Life Source International Charter School

## ***SCHOLAR DRESS CODE AND UNIFORMS***

Research shows that school uniforms support a safe and disciplined learning environment, which is the first requirement of any good school. Students who are safe and secure and learn the basic American values and the essentials of good citizenship are better students. As of June 2015, there is a mandatory school uniform policy in Life Source International Charter School. All details of the school's mandatory policy—including specific enforcement policies and consequences for non-compliance—are available in the school office. Please note that the articles of clothing that make up the mandatory Life Source International Charter School uniform can be purchased at Life Source International Charter School.

## ***SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY***

PANTS-Navy or Tan must be worn with a belt at the waist and belts must be through the loops. Pants can be cotton or cotton blend. Absolutely NO cargo pants, jeans, sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages. NO leggings, jeggings, skinny pants, or sagging pants.

SKIRTS, JUMPERS, OR SKORTS-Navy or Tan; can be cotton, or cotton blend: must be knee level or longer. Blouse or polo must be worn under the jumper. Absolutely NO hip huggers, cargo pants, baggies, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHORTS-Navy or Tan knee length. Shorts must be worn with a belt at the waist and belts must be through loops. Shorts can be cotton or cotton blend. Absolutely NO cargo shorts, jeans, sweat suit shorts, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHIRTS-Light blue, Navy or White plain collared, polo shirt, long or short sleeve. Shirts must be tucked into pants. Absolutely NO logos, insignias, pictures, or messages.

SWEATSHIRT OR SWEATERS CAN BE PULLOVER OR ZIPPERED-Navy. NO logos, insignias, pictures, or messages.

SHOES OR SNEAKERS-Shoes/Sneakers must fit securely on the foot. Black shoes are mandatory. Shoes with open toes or backless shoes (including flip flops, sandals, mules and slides) will not be allowed. Shoes may be laced or buckled. NO Heelies or Rollers.

SOCKS-White Socks, Navy or White tights Only. No colored socks, socks with designs, logos, insignias or messages.

**NO OVERSIZED CLOTHING WILL BE ALLOWED.**

No colored wrist bands, neck beads, head bands, or doo rags are allowed. The principal has a right to stop any pattern, for example groups wearing identical earrings, chains, beads, bracelets, etc. or anything that may be mistaken for gang affiliation.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

The school will strive to achieve full compliance through the use of positive reinforcement measures, and will resort to disciplinary action only when positive measures and supports fail to assure compliance. No student will be considered non-compliant with the uniform policy in the following instances:

- When a student is on school grounds outside of normal school hours, appropriate attire is required.
- When a field trip or school event may require specialized clothing, appropriate attire is required.

## **NOT IN COMPLIANCE**

**FIRST OCCURRENCE** – A call will be made to the parent/guardian to bring clothes. A letter will be sent home reinforcing the uniform policy.

**SECOND OCCURRENCE** – Call home to have parents bring in clothes and remind them that student must adhere to the school uniform policy.

**THIRD OCCURRENCE** – Parent is notified and student will receive demerits.

## **RATIONALE:**

School uniform policies can promote school safety, improve discipline, and enhance the learning environment. The potential benefits of school uniforms include:

- Decreasing violence and theft – even life-threatening situations – amount students over designer clothing or expensive sneakers
- Helping prevent gang members from wearing gang colors and insignia at school
- Instilling students with discipline
- Helping parents and students resist peer pressure
- Helping students concentrate on their school work; and
- Helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school

If you have any questions in regards to any of the above please contact the front office at (661) 579-2970, submit your inquiries and we will get back to you within 24 hours.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deberae Culpepper-Ofori  
Executive Director/Founder