



HEPHATHA

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

Dear Parents,

Dennis Uniforms is Hephatha Lutheran Schools' uniform company. **All Uniform clothing needs to be purchased at Dennis.** The following policy is what will be enforced for this school year. Dress guidelines begin when the student arrives on campus and ends when he/she leaves the campus or activity. **(This also includes the parking lot and all school-sponsored functions).** If you are unsure if an article of clothing meets the school expectations, please ask before you wear it.

HAIR STYLES:

Hairstyles, which cause unnecessary and undue attention, or are distracting to others, will not be permitted. Hair should be uniform in color in the student's natural color. **Boys may not wear hair exceeding collar length. Hair must be trimmed around the face and eyes so as not to affect the student's vision. Bangs (boys and girls) need to be above the top of the eyebrow.** No spikes longer than ½", no ponytails, Mohawks or faux hawks.

SHIRTS AND TOPS (For Boys and Girls):

Uniform shirts are "polo" style shirts with the Hephatha logo. The approved colors are red, white and black. All shirts must be size appropriate and in good condition. Shirts may be left un-tucked in grades K-5th only.

PANTS AND SHORTS (For Boys and Girls):

Uniform pants will be size appropriate, **fitting at the waist and the crotch.** Shorts must be shorter than knee length and no shorter than four (4) inches from the top of the knee. Sizes and lengths must be maintained throughout the year. All pants and shorts must be in good condition. No tears, rips or fringes allowed.

JUMPERS, SKIRTS AND SKORTS:

Skirts are for girls in grades 3rd-8th. Girls in all grades can wear skorts. We are no longer offering the hound's-tooth jumpers; however, if you already own one, it may be worn until your student has outgrown it. Length is to be no shorter than four (4) inches from the top of the knee. **SKIRTS ARE NOT TO BE ROLLED UP** and the length are to be maintained throughout the year. Wearing red, white or black bike shorts under skirts and jumpers is highly recommended, especially for girls in kindergarten through grade three. Bike shorts are to be no longer in length than the skirt or jumper. All skirts and skorts must be in good condition.

BELTS, SOCKS, AND SHOES:

Belts are mandatory with shorts and pants for boys in 6th - 8th grade. Belts must be black. Belts for boys in grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th are mandatory on Chapel days and optional other days. Belts for kindergartners and first graders are optional, including Chapel day. Socks and/or tights, need to be white or in our school uniform colors (solid only). Black leggings may be worn under skirts or skorts. Formal Wear shoes need to be appropriate for the outfit, black in color with rubber soles, heels no higher than ½ inch. Suggested styles; Mary Jane style, Toms, Lands End Youth All Weather (Boys) or Girls Unit Bottom Mary Janes. No sandals, platform shoes, open toe or one heel shoes (including Crocs) are to be worn. Boots that are above the ankle are not to be worn by students in K-5th grade. Middle School students may wear Boots that are black, school appropriate, and the heel is no higher than 2 inches.



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OUTERWEAR:

Zippered or pullover **sweatshirts or jackets** must be red, black, or white ***without writing or graphics or logos*** or a **HEPHATHA** sweatshirt with the logo. The only exceptions to this rule are Hephatha Bling Wear and Lutheran High/Crean Sweatshirts (8th only). Uniform shirts must be worn under any outerwear. Flannel shirts, vests, team jackets, and regular jackets are not to be worn. ***On Formal Wear Days outerwear may not be worn in the classroom or at Chapel.***

HATS:

A Hephatha baseball or a red, black or white hat without logos or graphics may be worn, bill forward, outside. Please be sure your child's name is in his/her hat. No other hats are allowed except for days when coaches and teachers allow or require them.

JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES:

Jewelry which may be potentially dangerous, including dangle earrings and long necklaces may not be worn at any time. Boys cannot wear earrings. No wallet chains or chain like belts are allowed. Makeup is to be natural and in one's own skin tones, not excessive or mature looking, and age-appropriate. Makeup must be kept in moderation, and is allowed for 6th, 7th, and 8th only. Excessive fragrances are to be avoided. No tattoos or writing on the body of any kind, or body piercings (other than ear piercing for our female students) is allowed.

CHAPEL DAY REQUIREMENTS:

Formal Hephatha Uniform Wear is required on Chapel days for all K-8th student. Shirts are to be tucked in on Chapel days for all students, K-8th.

FREE DRESS DAY:

Free dress day will be offered on the 1st Friday of each month for all grades. Middle School students have an additional free dress day on the 3rd Friday of each month. Free dress day may be taken away by the teacher or administration for uniform and/or behavior infractions made by the class during the previous month. Free dress day is suggested, but not limited to, jean/denim for pants, shorts, capris, skirts or jumpers with an appropriate shirt. Baggy pants, tight clothing or spandex pants, short shorts or skirts are not allowed. The length of jumpers, skirts, shorts and/or skirts are to be no shorter than four (4) inches from the top of the knee. No tank, tube, midriff, or halter tops allowed. No oversized shirts or sweatshirts with inappropriate advertising or slogans. Shirts must meet and cover top of the pants and or skirt.

ENFORCEMENT:

Enforcement begins with the partnership of our parents! Please ensure your student(s) is/are appropriately dressed before arriving at school. A uniform violation notice will be sent home with the student if they are not in the proper uniform, or a parent may be called to bring in the appropriate uniform. In questionable cases, administration will make the final decision.

PLEASE NOTE: Any alternations made on the uniform skirt, i.e. hemmed shorter than the 4" from the top of the knee, will be considered ineligible for school wear.

Hephatha Lutheran Church and School reserves the right to modify these standards as necessary during the school year. If there are questions concerning specifics, please contact the administration office at (714) 637-0887.