

New LA Dress and Appearance Standards

The goal of the New Los Angeles Charter School Dress and Appearance Standards is to ensure that students carry themselves in a way that is appropriate for a learning environment, appropriate to volunteer in the community or meet community leaders, and shows respect for themselves and others. In committing to the mission of our school community, parents and students are expected to comply with the following Dress Standards:

The New LA Uniform Includes:

- Navy, light blue, royal blue or gray New LA Charter Polo Shirt;
- Solid-colored, long-sleeved undershirts may be worn beneath the polo (white, black, gray, or navy only);
- Solid blue or black jeans (colored jeans are not permitted);
- Navy blue, black, gray, or khaki brown slacks that fit appropriately, are free of rips and tears, and are in good condition;
- Knee-Length navy blue, black, or khaki brown shorts that fit appropriately, are free of rips and tears, and are in good condition;
- Knee-Length blue, black, or khaki brown skirts or skorts;
- Safe, sturdy footwear that are appropriate for school and physical education activities;
- New LA cardigan;
- New LA Sweatshirt;
- New LA Fleece Jacket;
- Students may accessorize with scarves, socks, or colored leggings.

The New LA Uniform Does Not Include:

- Ear buds or headphones;
- Cut off or frayed shorts;
- Headgear (hats, hoods, bandanas, costume headbands—animal ears, antennae etc., head scarves);
- Sunglasses;
- Hair styles covering the eyes;
- Any accessories that are inappropriate for a learning environment;
- Sweat pants, workout pants, sports shorts;
- Colored jeans;
- Leggings not worn under a skirt or shorts, or jeggings;
- Non-New LA jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts inside the building, including during Nutrition or Lunch.

Free Dress Days:

On Free Dress days (first Tuesday of every month or other days as designated by the school) students are not required to wear their New LA uniform; however, students are expected to uphold the following dress standards:

- Shorts and skirts must be knee length;
- No undergarments can be showing (no spaghetti straps, plunging necklines or low slung pants);
- Images and messages on t-shirts/sweatshirts must be appropriate for school (no reference to violence, weapons, drugs, no offensive language);
- Hats, hoods and sunglasses cannot be worn;
- Leggings may not be worn alone as pants;
- Safe sturdy footwear (no open toes).

There may also be themed free dress days (pajama, sports, college, etc.). On those days students are encouraged to dress in the theme and they still must follow the guidelines above.

Students who do not come to school dressed appropriately will be sent to the front office immediately. Reception will call home and his or her parent must come to the school to bring appropriate attire for their child. Inappropriate accessories (hats, sunglasses, etc.) will be confiscated and held in the front office. Parents must arrange an appointment with the assistant principal to discuss the issue and retrieve their child's items.