

DRESS CODE SURVEY RESULTS

SUMMARY 2019

All grade 9 to 12 students were asked five questions about the current state of the dress code at Luther College High School following a presentation from President Bryan Hillis.

Question 1

Students were asked to **identify two problems with the current dress code** from a list of eight possible options. 356 responses were collected.

116 students answered the dress code “is just fine.” This was the second most popular answer at 33 percent. Of those who identified the dress code as problematic, the results were as follows:

- 139 students said dress code is **inconsistent** (39%)
 - 87 students said dress code is **difficult to follow** (24%)
 - 77 students said dress code **doesn't keep up with fashion** changes (22%)
 - 67 students said **reasons for the dress code are unclear** (19%)
 - 45 students said dress code **creates class distinctions** (13%)
 - 41 students said dress code **doesn't seem to apply to faculty and staff** (11%)
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Question 2

173 students responded with comments regarding any **other problems they felt about the current dress code**. Of these, some (41 students) had no issues with the current dress code or were in favour of the current policy.

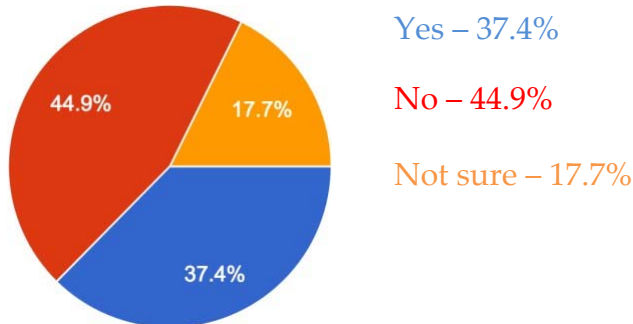
Other top answers were:

1. Sexist – 38 students
2. Inconsistent enforcement – 27 students
3. Want to wear jeans/sweats/tights – 23 students
4. Unclear/hard to follow – 12 students

Although the question was about the current policy, some students entered comments about uniforms so those responses are not summarized here.

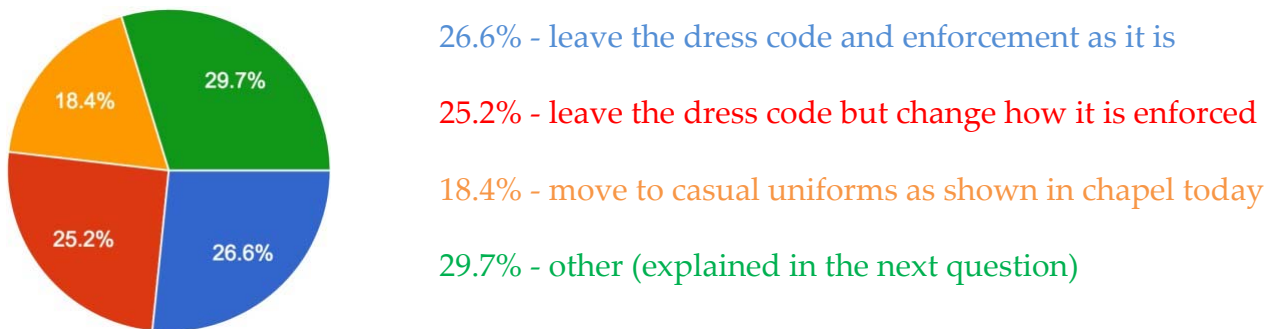
Question 3

If Luther had a uniform policy, would this have affected your decision in attending Luther in the first place? (356 responses)



Question 4

Please indicate your opinion regarding changes (or not) to LCHS's dress code by indicating one choice below: (353 responses)



Question 5

108 students made suggestions on how to adjust or not adjust the dress code/uniform policy.

The top three suggestions were as follows:

1. **Yes to a uniform**, formal or informal – **61 students**
2. **No dress code** or more relaxed dress code - **29 students**
3. **More formal dress code** but not a uniform – **8 students**

Approximately 60 students did not like the example provided of informal uniforms. Many stated they would like uniform options (i.e. skirts and pants). Some students said uniforms would “unify us”, “look good”, and “uniforms don’t discriminate.” Those who stated a concern said uniforms can be sexualizing for girls or difficult to make gender neutral and that uniforms were not cheaper because other clothes still need to be purchased.