

**Salem Lutheran School
Family Handbook Changes
2026-2027**

Nurse – Clinic:

According to Texas Senate Bill 12, schools must obtain written parental consent before school staff provides any health care service, medication, or medical procedure. This means that our staff cannot provide any treatment to students without consent. Please ensure that you have given consent through the Student Medical Form in Facts.

If a student stays home from school or is sent home sick, the student may not participate in extracurricular activities that day.

Lunch – Students may bring a lunch from home or purchase lunch through Our Father's Table. To support a focused learning environment and ensure consistency for all students, outside food deliveries, including fast food, restaurant meals, and food delivery services, are not permitted. Parents are asked not to bring or arrange for non-homemade lunches to be delivered to students during the school day.

Due to the limited space for lunch, parents are welcome to have lunch with their student once per semester. At this time only, parents may bring in outside food.

Dress Code:

Uniform Bottoms – The length of uniform bottoms should not exceed three inches above the knees for both boys and girls. The waistband of skirts and shorts may not be rolled up to shorten the length of the garment. An appropriate short must be worn under the uniform skirt for all girls.

Undergarments should not be visible.

Leggings/Tights – Solid color (black, white, dark green, or navy blue) leggings may be worn beneath garments only and not alone. Both boys and girls may wear leggings beneath regular uniform clothing. They must conform to the leg, be tight to the ankle, and without rips and holes.

Spirit Days – The last school day of every week is "Salem Spirit Day." This day is to remind us that we are one in Christ. Just as a sports team wears the same type of uniform, we wear a "spirit" shirt to share the heart of being "one team" for Jesus.

Appropriate attire is as follows:

- Students may wear their Salem "spirit" T-shirt, but not PE shirts.
- Jeans or regular uniform bottoms
- Salem-issued or Concordia Lutheran High Spirit T-shirts
- Salem logo activity shirts or Salem athletic shirts
- Regular uniform clothing.

Thematic Dress Days - On designated days, students have the opportunity to dress according to a theme (Veterans Day, Patriot Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Go Texan Day, All Sports Day, Lutheran Schools Week dress days, etc.)

Appropriate attire

- Clothing in thematic color
- Regular uniform clothing in thematic colors
- Jeans, dresses, skirts, and uniform bottoms of appropriate length and in thematic colors
- School appropriate length bottoms (within three inches above the knee)

Inappropriate attire for any Special Dress Day

- Low rise, baggy pants, cargo pants, yoga pants, pants with holes, frays, or ragged edges, leggings worn by themselves
- Jersey shorts, PE shorts, short shorts
- Miniskirts, spaghetti straps, tank tops, low cut tops, see-through tops, tops that expose the midriff
- Clothing that is tight or extremely tight fitting
- Compression attire and leggings worn as outerwear
- Face paint, stickers, tattoos, and hair coloring

Attendance

B. If your child must be absent for any reason other than illness or family emergency, please speak with the homeroom/advisory teacher and administration prior to the absence and email a written request for absences on the date(s) in question. For extended absences, the following protocol must be followed:

- 1) Before the absence, the student and family should contact each teacher a week in advance to obtain all work that is anticipated to be missed that can be worked on outside of school.
- 2) All missed assignments, including tests must be completed within a reasonable amount of time upon returning to school.

E. If a student arrives after 8:00am, the parent must park and walk their student inside to complete sign in. After three unexcused tardies each semester, \$5 will be charged for each additional tardy.

Report Cards

C. Fully enrolled students in grades 5-8 earning a term average of 94% or better will be recognized for their exceptional academic performance by being named to the Honor Roll. Students in grades 5-8 earning a term average of 89% to 93% will be recognized for their commendable achievement by being named to the Merit Roll. All subjects in grades 5-8 will receive a percentage grade. Recognition for Merit Roll or Honor Roll will not be extended when a C, D or F is given on a quarterly or year-end grade report. This includes art, technology, P.E., Spanish, and electives. Each grade will be multiplied by the number of times that class meets per week in the process of determining the overall average. Summer school will be required for any student whose average for the year in a core subject falls below 70%.

I acknowledge and understand the Family Handbook changes for the 26-27 school year.

Family Last Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____