

# QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED ABOUT IT'S MY CLOSET



## WHO CAN SHOP AT IT'S MY CLOSET?

Any family with a child who attends a school in Lafayette School Corporation can shop at It's My Closet for 30 minutes two times in one month. The child must be present for the family to shop. Children K-8 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Only individuals who live with the children may shop with the students.

## WHERE IS IT'S MY CLOSET LOCATED?

It's My Closet is located in 2 portables behind the old Durgan Elementary School which is on the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> street and Hiatt Drive, across the street from Jefferson High School. If you drive down the street like you are headed to the YMCA, then turn in to the right behind the chain-link fence; we are back by the playground in two portables.

## WHEN CAN I SHOP AT IT'S MY CLOSET?

A **Jefferson or Oakland High School student** may shop with his family on Tuesdays for 30 minutes between 3:30-5:00 or Saturdays between 11-1. Jefferson and Oakland students must bring their school ID. Families can shop only two times in a month.

A **Tecumseh student** may shop with his immediate family on Wednesdays for 30 minutes between 3:30-5:00 or Saturdays between 11-1. Tecumseh students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and must have an It's My Closet ID. Families can shop only two times in one month.

A **Sunnyside student** may shop with his immediate family on Wednesdays for 30 minutes between 3:30-5:00 or Saturdays between 11-1. Sunnyside students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and must have an It's My Closet ID. Families can shop only two times in one month.

An **Elementary student** may shop with his immediate family on Thursdays for 30 minutes between 2:30-5:00 or Saturdays between 10-1. Elementary students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and must have an It's My Closet ID. Families can shop only two times in one month.

## WHAT IF I HAVE CHILDREN AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT SCHOOLS? WHEN DO I SHOP?

Since a family can shop only one time per week, they must choose the day appropriate for the child they are bringing. For example, if a family has children at Sunnyside, Jeff, and Vinton, the family can shop on Wednesday (the Sunnyside child must be present) **OR** Tuesday (the Jeff child must be present), **OR** Saturday morning (the elementary child must be present) **OR** Saturday afternoon (the Sunnyside or Jeff student must be present.) Whenever the family shops, all individuals who live with the children can shop.

## DO I HAVE TO BRING ALL OF MY CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO SHOP FOR THEM?

Parents must bring the child who has the It's My Closet ID that is needed for that day. Parents are not allowed to shop without a child with an It's My Closet ID or a Jeff/Oakland ID. Parents do not need to bring other children. Parents can shop for all individuals who live with the children.

## HOW DO I GET AN IT'S MY CLOSET ID FOR MY CHILD?

It's My Closet IDs are issued the first time the student shops at the store. IDs are issued for each child who attends a Lafayette School Corporation school. A paper showing that the student is enrolled in a Lafayette School Corporation school is necessary. Parents should keep the It's My Closet ID so it doesn't get lost.

### **WHAT IF I LOSE MY CHILD'S IT'S MY CLOSET ID?**

It's My Closet IDs are replaced one time during the school year. If the ID is lost again, the family can no longer shop at It's My Closet.

### **WHAT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT IT'S MY CLOSET?**

One never knows what is available because It's My Closet depends on donations. It's My Closet may have clothes (newborn to adult), kitchen items, books, winter coats and other winter clothing, shoes, purses, suitcases, baskets, and jackets. However, all of these items may not be available each day.

### **WHAT ABOUT UNIFORMS?**

Two dress code items are distributed to each student in August. As long as uniform items are available one dress code item will be given to each needy student in the months of September, October, November, January, February, and March. Students accompanied by parent/guardian must visit the store each month to choose the dress code item for that month. Dress code items for missed months will not be distributed.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SHOP AT IT'S MY CLOSET?**

All items are **free** with the exception of donated new jewelry that costs 25¢. Funds from the jewelry sales are used to purchase items for the store.

### **IS THERE A LIMIT ON HOW MUCH I CAN TAKE?**

Shoppers should take only items that are needed so that others can find what they require. Shoppers should not take everything available in their sizes. Families taking items for garage sales, for friends/cousins, or taking too many items will be banned.

### **WHO RUNS IT'S MY CLOSET?**

Ms. Gilbert and Donna Osborn founded It's My Closet and volunteer to manage it. All workers are volunteers. No one is paid. Lafayette School Corporation generously provides the buildings and pays for utilities.

### **WHAT ITEMS CAN I DONATE TO IT'S MY CLOSET?**

Gently used items are accepted any day that It's My Closet is open. Tax receipts are available for donations. Donated items should still be in good condition and usable. Clothing for all ages, kitchen items, household items, shoes, socks, hats, coats, gloves, scarves, books, CDs, decorations, sheets, blankets, purses, suitcases, jewelry, and small furniture pieces are all appreciated at It's My Closet. Unacceptable items include used underwear, broken items, and alcohol, tobacco, or drug related items.

### **WHEN CAN I DONATE ITEMS TO IT'S MY CLOSET?**

Items can be donated on any day marked "open" on the calendar. Times for donations are weekdays 2-5 and Saturdays 9-1 -- these are not shopping times, only donating times.

### **CAN I GIVE MONEY TO IT'S MY CLOSET?**

Checks should be made out to It's My Closet. Financial donations then can be mailed to It's My Closet, %Stephanie Berryman, Jefferson High School, 1801 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette, IN 47905.

### **WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

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