

Student Dress

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that the student's dress and grooming does not:

- A. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives;
- B. Create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others;
- C. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
- D. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design or emblem upon any school or personal property or one's person.

The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity if the principal reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

- A. Creates a hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others; or
- B. Will prevent, interfere with or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal will request that the student make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the principal will notify the parent, if reasonably possible, and request that the parent make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal will take appropriate disciplinary action. Students may be suspended, if circumstances so warrant. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the extracurricular activity for such period as the principal may determine. All students will be accorded due process safeguards before any corrective action may be taken.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated will be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

Districtwide Elementary Dress Code

Student appearance and clothing will be appropriate to an elementary school environment and must not present issues regarding health, safety or disruption to the learning environment.

Students will observe modesty, appropriateness and neatness in their clothing and personal appearance.

Specifically:

- The length of shorts, skirts and dresses will extend below finger tips when arms are extended straight down.

- No clothing will be worn with symbols or signs that promote or exhibit gangs, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, profanity, nudity or violent behavior.
- Hats, hoods or bandanas will not be worn on school grounds unless there is a need due to inclement weather or a special event authorized by the school principal.
- No revealing garments will be worn. Exhibiting midriffs, straps, chests and personal parts of the body is not allowed.
- Jewelry that causes a distraction or a safety issue is prohibited.
- No distracting hair color or makeup will be worn.
- Shoes will be appropriate for in- or outside athletic activities. No “flip-flop” sandals or wheeled shoes are allowed. All sandal-type shoes must have a closed back and closed toes.
- Baggy or “sagging” pants are not allowed.

School administration has the authority to address dress code issues not explicitly mentioned above in order to maintain a safe, healthy and productive educational environment. This dress code shall be enforced according to the school’s existing citizenship/discipline policy.

Districtwide Middle School Dress Code

Dress code shall apply at all times-during school and after school activities.

- No hats or non-religious head covering are to be worn on campus. (Stocking caps or hoods may be worn outside during inclement weather only.) No athletic headbands, picks, baseball hats or combs.
- No sagging pants, even with long shirts covering the waist. Undergarments should not be visible. (Including gym shorts.)
- No pajamas, slippers or blankets may be worn.
- Skirts and shorts must be no more than four inches above the knee.
- Clothing with holes, cuts or tears more than four inches above the knee are not to be worn. No leggings/yoga pants unless covered by a dress or long shirt to at least no more than four inches above the knee.No underwear including bra straps or boxers may show. (Any clothing deemed to be lewd or suggestive by school staff and administration will not be allowed.)
- Garments (that bare the skin) such as halter tops, tube tops, net tops, tank tops, revealing muscle/basketball shirts, spaghetti straps and plunging necklines (front or back) worn alone are not appropriate. Tank tops must be the same width as the shoulder. Sleeveless shirts are OK as long as the garment covers from the neck to the shoulder.
- Students are not allowed to write on their clothing or skin.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and appropriate to school.
- Clothes are to be worn for their intended purpose: i.e., arms in sleeves, pants on the right way, etc.

- No article of clothing or accessories with pictures, symbols or words that depict alcohol, tobacco, drugs, unlawful activities, bigotry, violence, sexual topics or have messages with inappropriate "double-meanings", profanity, obscenities or slander are allowed.
- No gang related clothing of any kind will be tolerated. All schools collaborate with the Lakewood Police to update changes in gang related apparel as necessary.
- Earrings or other jewelry which may present a safety hazard (spiked collars, bracelets, hanging belts or chains) are not allowed.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn.
- Cosmetics or hair color that are a distraction or disrupt the learning environment are not allowed.
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Districtwide High School Dress Code

The purpose of the high school dress code is to foster a professional, safe and respectful learning environment at school. The dress code is in effect when students enter school in the morning until they leave at the end of the academic day.

The dress code applies to field trips, site visits, academic internships and other school-related activities, unless the supervising adult informs students otherwise. The guidelines for student attire are:

- No hats or non-religious head covering are to be worn inside the school during academic hours.
- This includes, but is not limited to, hats, visors, rags, bandannas, hairnets, hoods and sweatbands.
- Revealing or suggestive attire is not permitted. Clothing that inappropriately reveals body areas including the shoulder, back, chest, waist, upper thighs or undergarments are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Spaghetti straps, halter tops, plunging necklines (front or back), midriff shirts, skirts/shorts above the mid-thigh, and low riding, sagging or low-slung jeans.
 - Sleepwear, pajamas, slippers and blankets are not appropriate school attire.
 - Clothing with holes, cuts or tears that inappropriately exposes a student's torso, midriff or back are not to be worn.
- Apparel or accessories with pictures, symbols or words that depict alcohol, tobacco, drugs, unlawful activities, bigotry, violence, sexual topics or have messages with inappropriate "double-meanings," profanity, obscenities or slander are not allowed.
- Gang-related clothing, accessories, or jewelry will not be tolerated.

- Clothing, footwear, jewelry, or any other attire which may present a safety hazard (i.e., spiked collars, bracelets, hanging belts or chains, etc.) is not allowed.
- Face coverings (i.e., sunglasses, face paintings, masks etc.) are not allowed.
- Students who refuse to comply with the high school dress code will be subject to discipline sanctions.
- In cases of questionable apparel, the administration reserves the right to make final decisions on appropriateness of all apparel.

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