

Section III: Dress Code

DRESS CODE

The District's dress code is established to help foster a positive and proper learning environment. Appropriate grooming, dignity of appearance, and pride all contribute to a successful learning environment. The dress code provides expectations which model good citizenship, teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruptions, minimize safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Everyone has a role to play in helping to create the proper learning environment. The District encourages students, with the supervision of their parents, to maintain high standards of dress, grooming, and personal appearance. Students are expected to use good judgment and to respect themselves as well as others. Parents are asked to ensure that their student(s) is in compliance with the dress code policy for the District.

Campus staff are responsible for enforcing the dress code. Campus administrators have the final authority concerning the propriety of clothing, hairstyles, and jewelry to be worn on school property, at school activities, or any time a student is representing the District. Administrators will use their professional judgment in determining whether attire is inappropriate, distracting, or causes or may be reasonably expected to cause a disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

General Apparel Information of Prohibited Items:

- No clothing, including jewelry or accessories, featuring pictures, emblems, writings, or slogans that are lewd, offensive, risqué, vulgar, obscene, provocative, or conveying hate messages or demeaning messages
- No clothing or grooming causing disruptions to the learning environment or creating a health or other hazard to a student's safety or the safety of others
- No apparel or accessories depicting tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other dangerous, prohibited, or controlled substance
- No attire identifying, condoning, depicting or promoting a student as part of an unauthorized group, such as a gang *For more information about what constitutes a gang, please contact your campus administrator or local law enforcement*
- No clothing, footwear, make-up, jewelry or accessories promoting violence, weapons, bombs, illegal acts, or anything that could be construed as provocative or offensive or otherwise distract from the learning environment, as determined by the administrators
- No extremes in any type of clothing, footwear, make-up, hair, or jewelry will be permitted
- No pajamas, sleepwear, or house slippers of any kind (except for designated days such as theme or character days, etc.)
- Tennis shoes (rubber sole, closed toe, and heel) are to be worn for safety reasons during Physical Education (P.E.). Shoes such as flip flops, boots, Crocs, sandals, etc. are not permitted during P.E.
- School-sponsored uniforms (athletics, cheerleading, dance teams, ROTC, etc.) are exempt from this dress code. Students who participate in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional standards. The sponsor or coach will distribute additional requirements to participants
- No holes (including manufacturer designed holes) in apparel exposing undergarments or excessive skin or torso
- For health and safety reasons, shoes are to be worn in the building. On special occasions with administrative approval shoes may not be worn.

Pants, Jeans:

- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be at finger-tip length
- Tights/leggings can only be worn with a dress, skirt, tunic, or shirt which must be at finger-tip length
- Pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be worn at the hip and cover undergarments

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests, Jackets, Coats:

- No strapless tops, spaghetti-strap tops, backless, halters, off-the-shoulder tops, or shirts with armholes exposing undergarments or excessive skin/torso
- No low necklines (e.g. reveal chest area)
- No see-through or mesh shirts unless worn with an undershirt
- Tops should meet the beltline, and must not reveal undergarments or skin
- No full-length jackets and coats such as those commonly referred to as “trench coats” or “dusters”

Eyewear and Accessories:

- No sunglasses will be visible in building
- No metal-studded collars, choker chains, armbands, wristbands, chains, or other metal-studded accessories are permitted

Headgear:

- No hats, caps, sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, doo-rags, hoods, and other headgear will be worn inside campus buildings without administrative approval

Consequences:

If a student's dress is out of compliance with the LISD dress code policy, the following consequences may be imposed:

- 1st offense: Correct out-of-code clothing, receive a warning, parent contact
- 2nd offense: Lunch, before or after school D-Hall, parent contact
- 3rd offense: In-School-Suspension (ISS) or Saturday Detention, parent contact

Should a student refuse to comply with directions to correct clothing code violation or to attend Lunch D-Hall or D-Hall, the student will be deemed insubordinate and placed in ISS for at least the remainder of the school day. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.