

DRESS CODE POLICY - Laurens County School System Student Dress Code:

Students are expected to be clean, neat, and appropriately dressed at all times. A student is expected to exercise good judgment in his/her choice of dress, making sure that it is appropriate for school. Clothing, hairstyles, make-up, etc. must not be a distraction, immodest, inflammatory, offensive, or pose a safety hazard. The faculty and administration will make the determination as to the appropriateness of any item, but the following guidelines should be followed:

All items of clothing should be clean and appropriate for school. They should not be too tight, improperly revealing, or allow undergarments to be seen.

Garments, jewelry, or articles of clothing should not display emblems related to alcohol, illegal or abusive substances, gangs, violence, sex, or obscenities. Clothing must be free of words or symbols that are offensive or demeaning to others. This guideline applies to clothing worn at any school function.

PANTS, SLACKS, AND JEANS

*must be worn at the waist and be the appropriate size

*cannot have any holes even if shorts or leggings are worn under pants.

*should come to the top of the shoes and not the floor

*underwear should not be visible

Pants with writing across the back of the pants are a distraction and will not be allowed. Pajama pants are not acceptable.

Sweaters and Jackets

*must be completely tucked in or if worn outside to the length of finger tips (This is the maximum length of shirts)

*no vulgar, tobacco, alcohol, drug related, profanity, gang related, or sexual messages on clothing

*no tank tops, spaghetti straps, nor mesh type shirts

*no bare midriff

*no undergarments should be visible

(The proper length of girls' shirts should be long enough that no midriff skin is visible while standing, sitting, or leaning. The shirt neckline should cover the cleavage. Bra straps should not be visible.)

*no see-through sweaters unless worn over a shirt or blouse

*SKIRTS, DRESSES, CULOTTES, AND JUMPERS

*must be decent, non-suggestive, and non-distractive

*no longer than the top of the shoes

*jumpers must be worn with shirts or blouses

* No leggings with tunic tops

* Non-distractive skirts will come to the top of the knee with NO splits even with leggings worn under skirt.

SHORTS

Shorts must touch the kneecap.

ACCESSORIES and ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

HATS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OR WORN INSIDE THE BUILDING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Students should not wear anything on their heads in the building unless it is prescribed by their doctor

Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, goggles, or other head coverings may not be worn at school.

No sunglasses except prescription

No facial rings or tongue rings, etc. - earrings only

No trench coats

No spiked jewelry, spiked belts, nor studded belt buckles

Large belt buckles or heavy chains worn on the pants or as belts will not be allowed. These could be considered weapons and will be handled under the regular discipline plan.

Hair must be well groomed

Hair rollers or pin curlers will not be allowed

Shoes must be worn at all times and should be appropriate for school activities.

Bedroom shoes are not allowed.

Pajamas sleep or loungewear is prohibited.

Long/trench coats are prohibited.

Wearing of clothing articles in a certain way or color scheme that may be construed as gang related.

Certain types of symbolic jewelry or tattoos

Certain symbols, numerical or illustrative words or graffiti

LCBOE students who are inappropriately dressed will be sent to the office to call their parents to bring a change of clothing to school. If someone cannot be contacted or cannot bring a change of clothing, the student will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day. Also, a student may be asked to turn a shirt/blouse inside out if the writing is not appropriate for school and told not to wear the item to school again.