

DRESS AND GROOMING STANDARDS

The intent of the Lyon County School District (LCSD) Dress and Grooming Standards is to promote an educational environment in each school which is safe, healthy, respectful, equitable and meaningful. The LCSD Board of School Trustees recognize that within certain limits, each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style, individual preference, culture, race, religious beliefs, etc. Therefore, the LCSD does not discriminate against any person as outlined in state and federal law. There is an expectation for students to be appropriately dressed and groomed while at school and school sponsored activities.

In general, the district reserves the right to prohibit a student while on school property from dressing or grooming in a manner that:

- 1) disrupts the learning process;
- 2) creates a safety hazard;
- 3) poses a health problem or risk;
- 4) threatens or discriminates against the rights of others;
- 5) promotes unlawful activity or LCSD policy violation.

School administration have the right to designate which types of dress and grooming disrupts or detracts from the educational program and/or maybe a potential safety hazard. School administration also have the authority to designate special event dress days so long as they do not violate this policy. School administration will notify students and parents/guardians in advance of these special dress days.

The following are guidelines for appropriate school dress and grooming:

- 1) Students are expected to be clean and without body or clothing odor that is offensive and disruptive to others. School staff will provide assistance as needed.
- 2) Clothing or accessories displaying or referring to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, vaping or any other illegal substance will not be allowed.
- 3) Clothing displaying profane, vulgar, racist, discriminatory, or sexual language, images, or symbols will not be allowed.
- 4) Apparel, accessories, exposed tattoos, symbols, or manner of grooming which indicates gang membership, affiliation or promotion thereof is prohibited. Refer to LCSD Policy JFC for more specific information.
- 5) Unless medically justified and documented, sunglasses; and headwear (i.e. hats, bandannas, hoodies, beanies, etc.) used to hide the identity of an individual student will not be allowed in the classroom or other areas of the building as determined by individual school administration.
- 6) Footwear must provide appropriate foot safety and sanitary protection.
- 7) Jewelry and other accessories or clothing which may present a safety hazard or dangerto the safety and welfare of self or others will not be allowed.

- 8) Clothing that exposes the abdomen, torso, back, chest, breasts, buttocks, private parts, and/or undergarments will not be allowed. This includes revealing and/or transparent clothing. All jeans, pants, trousers, skirts, shorts, etc. must be secured at waist level and must not have rips or tears that expose undergarments or other prohibited areas.
- 9) School staff may be able to provide assistance with dress and grooming for students in need, upon request of a student or family.

A student who is cited for inappropriate or unsafe dress or grooming is expected to take responsibility for immediate corrections. A student who refuses to do so will be subject to disciplinary and/or restorative measures, including possible exclusion from the regular school setting, until acceptable corrective measures are taken. Parents/guardians will be notified of violations so that they may assist with corrective action.

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