

# Standard Dress Policy for Lake Park Students

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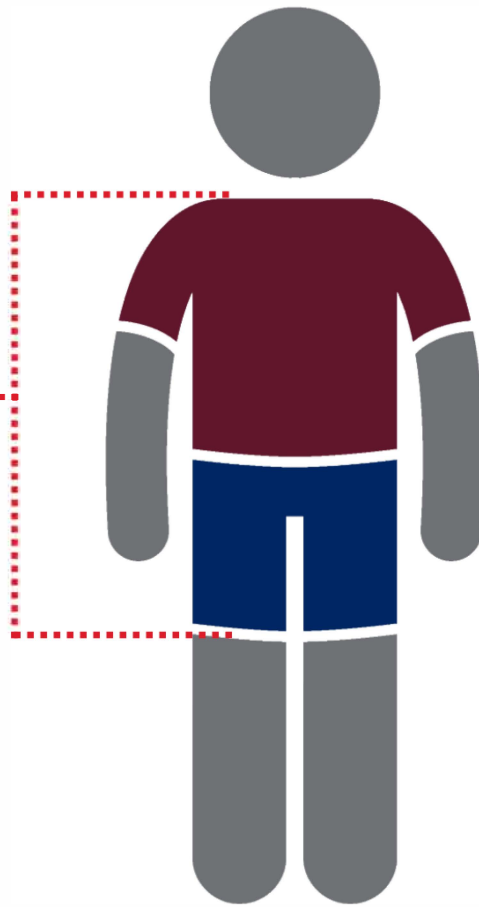
Lake Park School District's dress code reflects our commitment to maintaining a school atmosphere that is appropriate for learning, while also allowing for flexibility and personal choice.

Everyone's comfort level is different, and LPSD believes this dress code represents a reasonable standard that promotes respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn.

## General Guidelines

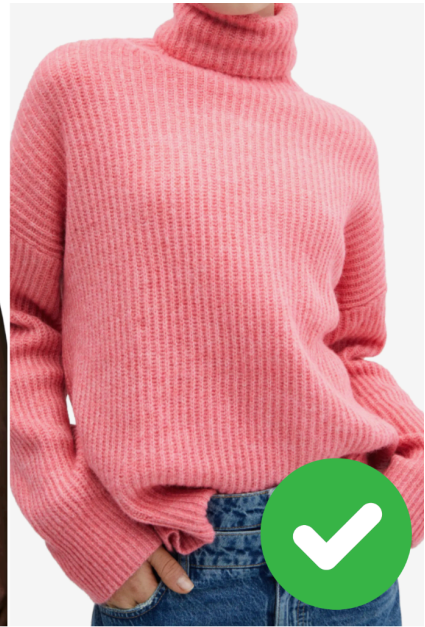
- Clothing must allow for participation in all school activities and support a respectful, focused learning environment.
- Clothing must fully cover private areas, stomach, back, shoulders, and upper thighs.
- Undergarments, including bra straps and boxer shorts/briefs, must not be visible.
- Clothing must be worn as designed or intended.
- Clothing must not be see-through or transparent and must not have rips or holes in tops or bottoms above the knee.
- Clothing that disrupts the educational process is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, clothing that depicts violence or contains content that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene in nature. Clothing with images, language, or symbols that reference alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, drug paraphernalia, hate speech, profanity, pornography, gang affiliations, sexual innuendos, or any form of illegal activity is not allowed.
- Pajamas or other sleepwear as outerwear is prohibited (except on approved dress-up or spirit days).
- Fishnet or lace hosiery is prohibited.
- Accessories or clothing that resemble costumes, animals, or fictional characters are not permitted (except on approved dress-up or spirit days).
- Students in grades 7-12 must wear school ID badges around their necks and above the waist at all times. ID badges must remain unaltered, with photos visible.

Clothing should cover the skin from the shoulders down to mid-thigh or longer. The chest, midriff, and buttocks must be covered at all times with material that is not ripped or see-through.



## Tops

- Tops must have sleeves and must fully cover the chest, back, stomach, and shoulders. Other top styles are prohibited.
- Tops must be long enough to cover the midriff, even when arms are raised over the student's head.





**Bottoms**

- Bottoms must reach mid-thigh or longer and must not have holes, rips, or tears above the knee. Distressed jeans are permitted but must not show skin, patches, or undergarments. The same standard applies to slits or slashes in skirts or dresses.
- Bottoms must fit over the hips at the waist and may not sag or drag on the ground.
- Leggings are prohibited unless they are worn under a dress, skirt, or shorts.





## Footwear

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must have a back or back strap unless they are closed-toed.
- The following footwear is prohibited due to health or safety concerns:
  - Flip flops
  - House shoes/slippers
  - Roller shoes
  - Slides

## **Hair and Headwear**

- Hairstyles that disrupt learning are not allowed.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, visors, shower caps, bonnets, or any other head coverings are not allowed to be worn in classrooms or school buildings (except on approved dress-up or spirit days).
- Religious headwear is permitted.

## **Jewelry and Accessories**

- Jewelry that is distracting or poses a safety risk is not allowed.
- One small, non-distracting nose stud is allowed. All other facial piercings are prohibited.
- Pocket or wallet chains are not allowed.
- Decorative mouth grills or mouthpieces are prohibited.
- Tattoos or ink markings must be fully covered while on school grounds, in classrooms, or at school events.
- Non-medical sunglasses or eyewear are not allowed to be worn inside school buildings (except on approved dress-up or spirit days).
- Chains, metal, or rope used as belts are prohibited.
- Face coverings that meet all other standards of the dress code may be worn appropriately as designed and not cover the eyes.