5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

Grades Kindergarten through Grades 12

The Lakewood Board of Education has approved a mandatory dress code for students in grades Kindergarten through eight. Any attire or grooming which is considered to be immodest, sloppy, or affects classroom atmosphere adversely, or which creates a behavioral problem will be considered unacceptable. Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that is unsafe, dangerous or a health hazard; clothing that contains offensive or obscene symbols, slogans or words that degrade gender, culture, religion, ethnic background or sexual orientation; clothing that contains language or symbols dealing with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, violence, vandalism, gangs or sex; halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, thin-strapped tops, mesh, fish-net styles, spandex-type materials or clothing which exposes the back, chest and shoulders, see-through, shiny nylon, denim or denim-like tops; strapless and backless garments; low cut necklines; short shorts and skirts; bare midriffs; cutoffs or cut-off sleeveless tee shirts; exposed underwear; dog collars and chains that connect one body part to another; hats, flip-flops, shower shoes, bedroom slippers, hooded sweaters and hooded sweatshirts; painter's pants, overalls, hip-huggers, sweatpants, pajama pants, pants with drawstring bottoms, denim or denim-like pants (jeans).

Students are forbidden from **wearing a hood over their head**, or coats, jackets, windbreakers, warm-up jackets, hats, gloves and any type of outerwear in **classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, and the commons during the regular school day; or any combination of clothing that law enforcement officials consider gang related.**

Mandatory Dress Code for Male Students in grades K-8:

- Dress shirts, polo shirts and turtlenecks (Navy Blue)
- Loosely fitted shirts—only one size larger than normal size (Navy Blue)
- Covered midriffs
- Dress shirts buttoned above the chest line (Navy Blue)

- Docker style or dress pants with no more than four regular size pockets and worn at the waist (Khaki)
- Pant cuffs within the heel to toe of pupil's footwear
- Bermuda or walking shorts covering at least mid-thigh (Khaki)

(September to November 1 and April 1 to end of school year)

Mandatory Dress Code for Female Students in Grades K-8:

- Long and short sleeve blouses (Navy Blue)
- Slacks and dresses that reach at least to lower thigh—no shorter than fingertips
- Skirts and pants no longer than floor length (Khaki)
- Capris (Khaki)
- Pant cuffs within the heel to toe of student's footwear
- Loosely fitted shirts with collar (Navy Blue)
- Covered midriffs
- Sweaters
- Bermuda or walking shorts covering at least knee length

(September to November 1 and April 1 to end of school year)

- Leggings under shorts or skirts

Dress for Physical Education

- Athletic type shorts without pockets or fringes



- Plain tee shirt
- Sweatshirt with school logo (optional) for outdoor activities in cool weather
- Sneakers or rubber soled athletic shoes, (slip-on shoes, hard soled shoes and bare feet are prohibited)

Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy shall be subject to the district's discipline policy.

High School – Students in Grades 9-12:

Dress code enforcement begins at home. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have the primary responsibility of making sure their children understand and adhere to the Lakewood High School dress code, and arrive at school appropriately dressed and groomed.

The dress code described below cannot fully predict all circumstances. For that reason, the Principal or designee reserves the right to determine whether a student's dress is appropriate for the educational environment. Specific dress accommodations for religious reasons will be made.

Clothing

- Skirts and dresses must be no more than four inches above the knee at all times.
- Shorts must be no shorter than the length of the middle finger when arms are held at sides.
- Must cover shoulders and back.
- No sleeveless, off-the-shoulder, halter, strapless, tube dresses or tank top dresses are to be worn.
- Should not be excessively tight; no spandex dresses, skirts, shorts are to be worn during the school day.

Pants

- Spandex pants/capris (leggings, jeggings, yoga, etc.) are to be worn only with shirts, skirts, shorts.
- Ripped pants, jeans or clothing that show an excessive amount of skin is prohibited.
- Must be worn at natural waistline and not expose undergarments' of any kind.
- No pajama pants.

Shirts

- Must cover shoulders and back at all times. Sleeveless tops, off-the-shoulder tops, tank-tops, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
- Low-cut tops (that expose an inappropriate amount of cleavage) and shirts that expose the midriffs (at any time) are prohibited.
- Clothing (jewelry, accessories etc.) that display obscene profane, vulgar or lewd words, pictures, symbolism, messages, designs or double-meaning slogans will be prohibited. (i.e. indicating violence, sex, alcohol, substance abuse and/or use, weapons, slander, or affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activity).
- All clothing that is see-through (including fishnet fabrics or fabric that is too thin) is prohibited.
- Clothing shall conceal undergarments at all times, including shorts, boxer, bra straps, etc. Undergarments are never to be worn as outer garments.
- No pajamas of any kind are to be worn.
- Bandanas are prohibited at all times.



- Outdoor jackets and coats are not to be worn indoors except when entering or leaving the building.

- Any item of clothing (or jewelry) which depicts bias symbols or hate messages or is intended to harass, threaten, intimidate or demean an individual or group of individuals because of sex, color, race, religion, disability, national origin or sexual orientation and which, in the judgment of the administration, has substantial risk of creating a material disruption to the learning environment and/or school operation shall be prohibited.

Footwear

- No slippers. All shoes must have a hard sole.

- No shoes with wheels.

- Sneakers are the only approved footwear for Physical Education classes.

Headwear

- Such as hats, hoods, scarves, etc. are not to be worn in the building during school hours (except for religious reasons).

Glasses

- Non-prescription sunglasses, glazed and tinted glasses except as prescribed by the pupil's doctor are not to be worn indoors.

Book Bags/Back Packs

- All students in the Lakewood School District Pre-K- 12 must have a clear book bag /back pack as only clear book bag/back packs will be allowed in a school building. Any non-conforming book

bags/back packs should not be brought to school and if brought to school they will remain outside the school building at all times. The Lakewood School District is not responsible for a non-conforming book bag/back pack or its contents that must remain outside the school building.

- Student athletes will be issued a special student ID they must wear on a bright colored lanyard so when they are carrying the bag or bags they can be identified from a distance. Coaches will submit a list of the athletes and their names will be in the database. Teachers would also be able to identify these players and the ID would list the sport. If student quits the sport, is removed, or when the season the over the school will issue a new non-athlete ID. The students gear bags will also be searched when they arrive at school.

Other Items

- Chains, cables, or other accessories which could be used as weapons are not to be worn.

- Body adornments, including but not limited to, body piercing jewelry which may jeopardize the safety and well-being of the student or others are prohibited during designated classes.

- Robes, blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, etc. are not to be carried during the school day and will be disciplined according to dress code.

Dress Code Procedure and Enforcement

When a student violates the dress code, he or she will be asked to change his or her clothing when necessary. Each violation will be documented and written documentation of the violation will be sent home. If a student refuses to change, it will be viewed as insubordination and will result in further disciplinary action. Parents may be contacted to supply appropriate attire if needed.

Students who violate the dress code are subject to disciplinary action.

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