

LRSD: Code of Conduct, Character, & Support

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STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

LRSD respects every student's age-appropriate rights to free expression -- including expression of ethnic culture, gender identity, or religious affiliation -- insofar as this expression is not profane, unsafe, distracting, or otherwise non-conducive to a learning environment. The dress code is indiscriminate: every guideline must be applied equally without regard to sex, and no rule shall be applied or interpreted as gender-specific.

The following guidelines are to be used in determining appropriate dress and grooming in the school environment:

- Dress and grooming is to be in keeping with health, safety, and sanitary practices.
- Students may not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous in educational activities such as lab, shop, physical education or art classes.
- Shoes must be worn as required by law. Slippers, heels (skate shoes) and similar footwear are inappropriate for school and are not to be worn.
- Clothing and accessories are not to substantially disrupt the education process.
- Students are not to wear clothing, buttons, patches, jewelry or any other items with words, phrases, symbols, pictures or signs that are indecent, profane, suggestive, inflammatory or that have negative overtones that appear to be derogatory or discriminatory.
- Students are not to wear suggestive or revealing clothing that diverts attention from the learning process.
- Students are not to wear sunglasses, caps, coats or hats in the building. Coats may be worn in breezeway or open areas of the building during inclement weather. Students are not to wear clothing, outerwear, pins, symbols or insignia of prohibited organizations or street gangs while at school or at any school-related activity.
- Students are prohibited from wearing the following while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day and at school sponsored activities and events:

- No tank tops, visible underwear including bra straps, string or "spaghetti straps", inappropriate necklines, or anything excessively revealing or suggestive -- including exposure of any area of the buttocks or private parts.
- No pajamas;
- No clothing with negative overtones that appear to be derogatory or discriminatory;
- No clothing or accessories that are profane, suggestive or inflammatory;
- No shirts or blouses tied at the midriff, clothing with bare midriff, or not properly fastened;
- No clothing or accessories of prohibited organizations or street gangs:
- No pants that fall/sag below the waistline;
- No bandanas, Do-Rags or hair bonnets
- No head coverings (unless for religious reasons); and/or for the purposes of cultural/ethnic celebrations;

It is suggested that students not wear expensive jewelry or other expensive accessories to school. It is difficult to recover such items when they are lost. The local school and/or the Little Rock School District are not responsible for replacing lost or stolen property.