

# Lisbon School District

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## Students

### Dress and Grooming 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

It is the belief of The Lisbon Board of Education that reasonable regulation of school attire is essential to furthering important educational interests. In the establishment of Standards of Acceptable Dress, it is the intent to create an appropriate, serious environment for learning that prepares students for similar expectations in high school. Parents and guardians are asked to ensure that their children's dress conforms to the Standards of Acceptable Dress requirements. A student's dress and appearance must not present a danger to the student's health or safety or be disruptive to the educational process as determined by the faculty, staff, or administration.

No restrictions on freedom of dress and adornment will be imposed which

1. are discriminatory;
2. enforce particular codes of morality or religious tenets;
3. attempt to dictate or adjudicate style or taste;
4. do not fall within the direct or implied powers of the Board of Education.

The Board believes the student dress code should allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination and to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable and that expresses their self-identified gender.

### **Standards of Acceptable Dress**

All garments must be in compliance with the dress code for the duration of the school day.

Sheer or see through clothing is unacceptable.

Any suspected inappropriate clothing not covered in this policy shall be addressed at the staff and administration discretion.

### **Pants**

- Jeans, dress, cargo and athletic styles
- Pants cannot hang below the waist
- Official LCS flannel pants will be accepted

### **Shorts**

- Jeans, dress, cargo and athletic styles
- Must not be shorter than mid thigh length and cannot hang below the waist.

### **Dresses and Skirts**

- Must not be shorter than a hand width above the knee.
- Dresses must completely cover shoulders and not expose cleavage.

**Leggings**

- Leggings may be worn only along with shorts, dresses and skirts of appropriate length or with shirts that extend to mid thigh length.

**Shirts, Blouses, Tops**

- Collared shirts — any color and/or pattern
- T-shirts
- Knit tops and blouses – any color and/or pattern
- All tops must completely cover shoulders and not expose any cleavage or midriff.

**Sweaters, Hoodies, and Sweatshirts**

- Crew neck sweaters, V-neck sweaters, and pullover sweatshirts/hoodies, and zip-up sweatshirts / hoodies

**Outerwear**

- Jackets, coats, blazers, suit jackets and vests

**Footwear**

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Shoes, sandals, flats, boots, flip-flops, and sneakers
- Sneakers must be worn for participation in gym class

**Head Coverings**

- All students must remove head coverings upon entering the school building (with exceptions as listed above).

Clothing, jewelry, and personal items such as gym bags and backpacks with pictures and/or wording depicting alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, weapons, drug culture, gang affiliation, violence, obscene/questionable language, and sexually harassing material are not allowed. Clothing and personal items adorned with chains are also not allowed.

School staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

Enforcement of the dress code shall be gender neutral.

**Consequences for violation** of the Standard of Dress are as follows:

Parents/guardians will be notified of each violation and students will be required to change into more appropriate clothing.

If at any time a student cannot or will not change into acceptable clothing, the consequences may be modified by the Principal or administrator present, including but not limited to, immediate placement into In-School Suspension. Multiple violations may result in a parent conference. Appropriate dress for school functions may be indicated by the advisor for those functions.

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