

STUDENT DRESS 4th THROUGH 8th GRADE

It is the belief of the Lisbon Board of Education (the “Board”) that reasonable regulation of attire is essential to maintaining an environment conducive to the educational process. Students shall dress and groom themselves for the business of school so as not to disrupt the educational process or pose a health or safety hazard, maintain a decorum of decency, in no way be disruptive to any person or property, and not present a danger to self or others. The Board and LCS Staff relies on the good decision-making and judgement of parents to help students make appropriate choices. Students must be suitably dressed and maintain high standards of neatness and appropriateness, as determined by the faculty, staff, and/or administration. Any disputes regarding dress code violations will result in a final decision by administration. The Board provides the following guidance to be enforced during the academic school day and school sponsored events may come with their own dress code provided by administration:

- a. Outerwear: coats, jackets, and other attire typically worn as outerwear that the faculty, staff and/or administration deem inappropriate are prohibited. Outerwear shall not be worn or carried, and must be stored throughout the school day.
- b. Head coverings: hats, caps, hoods, and any other attire typically worn as head coverings that the faculty, staff and/or administration deem inappropriate are prohibited. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief, or as required or permitted in conjunction with school district health and safety protocols, shall not be prohibited under this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit protective hairstyles.
- c. Items a. and b. above must be secured in the student's locker or other storage area before school starts. Items not stored properly may be confiscated by the faculty, staff and/or administration.
- d. Footwear: acceptable footwear includes shoes, sandals, flats, boots, flip-flops and sneakers. Footwear must be worn at all times. Sneakers must be worn for participation in gym class. Footwear which marks floors or is a safety hazard is prohibited.
- e. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried, are prohibited indoors unless required pursuant to a documented medical issue.

- f. Oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or any other belt that the faculty, staff and/or administration deem inappropriate are prohibited.
- g. Any article that is spiked or studded, oversized or multi-finger rings, or any other item that may present a danger to self or others are prohibited.
- h. Any article that contains vulgarity, overtly offensive writing or pictures, depicting or suggesting of violence provoking others to act violently or causes others to be intimidated or fearful, depicting weapons, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drug culture, gang affiliation and sexually harassing materials which are likely to disrupt the educational environment are prohibited.
- i. All tops must not reveal torso, chest and undergarments at all times. Clothing with shoulder straps must be two finger widths in thickness.
- j. See through, opaque clothing or form fitting bottoms that expose the anatomy are prohibited.
- k. All bottoms must be no shorter than mid-thigh, hang no lower than the waist or reveal the upper thigh or undergarments. When athletic uniforms do not adhere to the dress code policy another layer of clothing must be worn.
- l. Sleepwear is not appropriate for the school environment. Opportunities to dress down will be provided by faculty, staff and/or administration.
- m. Costume wear: costumes, defined as clothing or accessories worn to present a particular character, animal (tails, ears, gloves, etc.), theme, or concept not typically associated with everyday attire, are strictly prohibited during school hours. Opportunities to dress up will be provided by faculty, staff and/or administration.
- n. Backpacks and/or book bags are permitted to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage throughout the school.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be asked to change into appropriate attire and may be subject to school discipline in accordance to administrative regulations on student discipline.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-51 (definition of protective hairstyles)

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