

## District-wide Elementary/Middle School/High School Dress Code

### Student Information

Current students will receive a copy of LCS Dress Code Policy through their school building. Additional copies of the dress code will be available at the school.

Upon registration a copy of the Lorain City School District Dress Code Policy will be shared with parents.

#### Pants

- Black, khaki, or navy pants are required. Denim pants, jeans, painter pants, cargo pants or athletic pants are prohibited. Pants must fit at the waist.
- Belts are optional since pants must be fitted properly. Large, oversized belt buckles, sparkly buckles, rivets, or medallion type buckles with logos/pictures are prohibited. Belts worn must be of solid-color of brown, black or navy blue, with no designs, graphics, logos or other words.
- Baggy, saggy pants are not permitted for wear. Pants must be fitted and secured around the waist area.

#### Skirts/Jumpers

- Black, khaki, or navy skirts or jumpers (knee length or longer) are required. Skirts shall be no more than 3 inches above the knee. Slits are not permitted above the knee.

#### Shirts

- All shirts must be solid-color of white, navy blue or black and must be either a collared polo shirt with buttons, dress shirt or turtleneck. Shirts must be tucked in.
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- Shirts can be long sleeve or short sleeve. Sleeveless is not permitted for wear.
- Sweat outfits or t-shirts are not permitted.
- Undershirts or underwear showing must be white, navy blue or black.
- Any articles of clothing with negative or inappropriate wording, logos or graphics are prohibited. Shirts shall be no more than one size above or one size below the student's regular or normal size.
- Crew-neck sweatshirts or sweaters will be of the appropriate color: white, navy blue or black. They may be worn over the shirt and may not contain any writing, stripes, or designs. Collars are to be placed outside the sweatshirt or sweater.
- All buttoned shirts are to be buttoned except for the top button.
- Hoodies are prohibited at any time during the school day with the exception of travel to and from school and must be stored in student's locker.

#### Shoes

- Sandals, flip-flops, slippers, open backed or open-toed, shoes are prohibited.
- Shoes with laces must be tied at all times.
- Shoes cannot have graffiti on them.

**Gym Wear**

- When gym-wear is required, it shall consist of a plain white, black or navy t-shirt, shorts which may be navy, black, or khaki, and athletic shoes.

**Additional Dress Code Information**

- Jackets, coats, hoodies and other outerwear must be placed in student lockers or cubicles prior to first period and remain in lockers or cubicles.
- Nylons, leggings, tights, and knee hi's must conform to dress code colors (black, white, navy blue).
- Head gear of any kind such as hats, caps, bandannas, visors, sunglasses, nylon headwear, ties as well as scarves and gloves are not permitted for wear during the school day. All head gear must be removed upon entering the building. All head gear must be placed in student lockers prior to the first period and remain there.
- Hair clips, scrunches and plain headbands are allowable and must conform to the dress code.. All other head gear is prohibited
- Wrist sweatbands or head sweat bands are not permitted for wear during the school day.
- Torn, ripped, or cut-off clothing is prohibited.
- Any attire, jewelry or accessories promoting or advertising drugs, alcohol, vulgar language, sex, violence, gang paraphernalia or are otherwise offensive or disruptive in nature are prohibited.
- Studded, spiked jewelry or chains which can become a threat to the safety of the student are prohibited for school wear.
- Bare midriffs or bare backs are prohibited.
- All book bags, large purses, tote bags and backpack-style purses are to be placed in student lockers or cubicles prior to the start of the first period and remain there.
- Purses (smaller than 6" x 8" x 3") are allowable.
- Any towels rags or blankets are to be stored in student's locker or cubicle and remain there.
- An assigned LCS lap top carrying case is permitted.
- Suits, vests, sport jackets and ties are permissible but must conform to dress code colors (black, white, navy blue).

**Dress Code Policy Exceptions**

- Students participating in a nationally recognized, school approved organization may wear the organizational uniform on days that the organization has a scheduled function.
- School spirit wear may be worn on specific days as approved by the building principal.
- Principals will have discretion to suspend the dress code regulations for school-wide events.
- Sponsors of extracurricular activities may impose further restrictions if necessary. Principals, in conjunction with other administrators and teachers, are responsible for administering the LCS Dress Code. Students may apply for an exemption from this policy if it interferes with a sincerely held religious belief.

### **Student Assistance**

Under special circumstances, students qualifying for federally approved free or reduced lunches (as noted on approved free and reduced lunch documentation) may be provided with assistance in obtaining the required dress code wear. This request must be put in writing to the school principal or designee.

The school building will share information of locations to purchase affordable school dress code wear.

### **Violation of LCS Dress Code Policy**

Students in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary measures. Refusal or being obstinate will be considered as open defiance of authority and will result in an immediate suspension.

#### **First Violation**

##### **Elementary School:**

Verbal warning and parent contact. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

##### **Middle School:**

Verbal warning and parent contact. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

##### **High School:**

Verbal warning and parent contact. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

#### **Second Violation**

##### **Elementary School:**

One (1) detention with a parent contact. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

##### **Middle School:**

One day (1) in-school suspension along with a parent contact. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

##### **High School:**

One day (1) in-school suspension along with a parent contact. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

#### **Third Violation**

##### **Elementary School:**

Two (2) detentions and a Home for Parent Conference. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

##### **Middle School:**

One day (1) out-of-school suspension. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

**High School:**

One day (1) out-of-school suspension. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

**Fourth Violation**

**Elementary School:**

One day (1) out-of-school suspension. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

**Middle School:**

Three day (3) out-of-school suspension. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

**High School:**

Three day (3) out-of-school suspension. Appropriate dress is required before returning to class.

**Fifth Violation**

**Elementary School:**

Persistent disregard of the LCS Dress Code will result in a three (3) day suspension.

**Middle School:**

Persistent disregard of the LCS Dress Code will result in a five (5) day suspension.

**High School:**

Persistent disregard of the LCS Dress Code will result in a ten (10) day suspension and a recommendation for expulsion (Level III offense).

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