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## STUDENT DRESS

The Lake Forest School District student dress code supports equitable educational access for all students. The District expects all students will dress in a way that is appropriate, respectful to the community, and does not reinforce marginalization of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, or body type/size. The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parent/guardian. The District is responsible for creating a school environment that is respectful and inclusive of all students.

All students must cover certain body parts at all times to include shoulders, chest, breasts, stomach, genitals, and buttocks.

### 1. Attire

#### a. Shirts/Blouses

- i. **When in doubt, do not wear it.**
- ii. Shirts/Blouses should be constructed so that the top of the shoulder is covered.
- iii. Sleeveless apparel with a finished edge can be worn if the garment comes to the shoulder edge and has a standard size armhole.
- iv. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter-tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, strapless tops, muscle shirts and backless tops are unacceptable.
- v. Shirts/Blouses must not show inappropriate necklines that expose cleavage, low back lines, midriffs, or undergarments. No bare skin is to be exposed at the waist, chest or abdomen area.
- vi. Necklines cannot be lower than the straight line from the top of the underarm across to opposite underarm.
- vii. All shirts/tops must be long enough to either be tucked in or overlap the bottom garment.
- viii. V-neck shirts must have a tank top underneath.
- ix. Sweatshirts and jackets are permitted, as long as hood or jacket does not cover head

#### b. Dresses/Skirts/Skorts/Shorts

- i. **When in doubt, do not wear it.**
- ii. Above rules with regard to sleeves and necklines also applies to dresses.
- iii. The hem of the clothing must be respectable and modest in length. *(Modest in length is defined as the width of the student's hand from the bottom of the article of clothing to the top of their bended knee.)*
- iv. The rear of the garment should not inappropriately expose skin. Clothing should fall at the natural waistline and cannot be rolled. Dresses, skirts, skorts or shorts with lace or see-through hem are not permitted.

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- c. Pants/Jeans/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Sweatpants
  - i. **When in doubt, do not wear it.**
  - ii. All items will be worn at waist level.
  - iii. No article of clothing displaying holes that expose undergarments is permitted.
  - iv. No clothing that is to be worn as an undergarment shall be visible while wearing pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, skorts or sweatpants.
  - v. Yoga pants, spandex, tights, form fitting pants/sweatpants, jeggings, and leggings are not permitted.
  - vi. Leggings and tights may be worn under the appropriate skirt/dress. The skirt or dress must be respectable and modest in length. (*Modest in length is defined as the width of the student's hand from the bottom of the article of clothing to the top of their bended knee.*)
  - vii. Sagging pants are not permitted.
  - viii. At no time will undergarments be exposed.
  - ix. Dresses, skorts, or shorts with lace or see through hem are not permitted.
  
- d. Shoes
  - i. **When in doubt, do not wear it.**
  - ii. Shoes must be worn at all times.
  - iii. Shoes are defined as having laces, Velcro, and slip-ons that fasten and/or secure the shoe around the entire foot (toe to heel). Sandals, slides, flip-flops are not permitted at any grade level. The popularized 'Crocs' style clog is not permitted in Grades PreK – 5.
  - iv. Laces and Velcro must be fastened to secure shoes.
  
- 2. Other Unacceptable Attire/Apparel:
  - a. **When in doubt, do not wear it.**
  - b. Headwear (except for religious reasons) to include but be not limited to, hats, do-rags, hoods, wavecaps, sweatbands, bandannas, skull caps, surgical caps, ear muffs, scarves, baseball caps, picks, rakes and combs.
  - c. Violent language or images.
  - d. Images or language depicting or promoting the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or criminal activity.
  - e. Hate speech, profanity, or pornography.
  - f. Images, language, or accessories that create a hostile or intimidating climate or culture for other students.
  - g. Clothing that exposes undergarments.
  - h. Swimwear.

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- i. Accessories that could be considered dangerous or be used as a weapon to include but not limited to, dog collars, chains, wallet chains, safety pins, spike jewelry, fishhooks worn as jewelry, accessories or ornamentation.
  - j. Any item that obscures the face or ears (except for religious observance).
  - k. Pajamas, loungewear and slippers.
  - l. Any attire or apparel that is capable of causing a sound distraction.
  - m. Stretch lycra, spandex, nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, or underwear worn as a garment.
  - n. Sunglasses (prescription required if worn).
  
3. Students who do not follow the acceptable LFSD dress policy will receive graduated consequences to address repeated non-compliance.
  - a. Students will change into their alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be in compliance for the remainder of the day.
  - b. Students will change into temporary clothing provided by the school, if available, to be in compliance for the remainder of the day.
  - c. If necessary, students' parent/guardian will be contacted during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to be in compliance for the remainder of the day.
  - d. Lunch or afterschool detention.
  - e. Failure to comply with staff direction will result in an office referral and/or suspension as defined by the student discipline policy.

While the intent of this policy is to address all possible dress code scenarios, the Lake Forest Board of Education recognizes that an all-encompassing measure may leave some items open for interpretation. Items not specifically covered in this policy as written, will be addressed by the Administration.