

Lampasas Middle School Dress and Grooming

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Hair coloring should be of a natural color.
2. Students shall be clean shaven. Mustaches are permitted but must be neatly trimmed.
3. Dresses, skirts, all split garments, and shorts must be long enough to prevent inappropriate exposure whether sitting, standing, or performing other normal school activities.
4. Shorts must be designed for outerwear. Walking shorts and skorts are examples of styles that are normally permitted. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at a minimum of fingertip length. Holes in jeans are permitted but can be no higher than the end of the fingertips. Fingertip length means it must meet the middle three fingers on a student's hand.

Examples of inappropriate and unapproved choices of clothing, jewelry, body decorations, or hairstyle may include but are not limited to:

1. Sunglasses, hats, caps, head coverings, bandannas, or headbands not intended for the purpose of holding hair.
2. Trench coats, coveralls, blankets, or other garments which conceal the entire body.
3. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, racer back, or low-cut clothing that exposes bare midriffs, sides, and/or under garments.
4. Hairstyles or makeup that disrupt the educational environment. Hair shall be clean, well groomed, and not covering the eyes.
5. Any clothing, accessories, jewelry, or exposed body art displaying obscene language or symbols, provocative images, advertisements for tobacco, vaping, alcohol, narcotics, or any item determined by the school administration to be gang-related.
6. Excessively loose or baggy clothing or excessively tight clothing is not permitted.
7. Tops and shirts worn with leggings or tight-fitting pants must cover the hip and buttocks area at all times.
8. Wind shorts, running shorts, short shorts, boxer shorts, compression shorts or pants, gloves, or mittens are not to be worn without administrative permission.
9. Nose septum, eyebrow, tongue, and other lip piercings are not allowed. Only nose and ear piercings allowed.
10. Footwear will always be worn. House shoes are not permitted.
11. Inappropriate or unapproved items may be confiscated.

Final decisions on the appropriateness of school dress rest with the campus administration.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Students who wish to argue with administration concerning the administrator's decision, will be considered insubordinate and may be disciplined as such.

The Administration, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.