

2009-2010 STUDENT DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

In accordance with RS 17:416.7, the Lafayette Parish School Board has adopted the following dress code. All students enrolled in Lafayette Parish schools must wear uniforms as described below and follow guidelines that regulate these uniforms, hair, jewelry, book bags and general appearance. The guidelines set forth are designed to:

- Promote school safety.
- Minimize distractions and disruptions which are based on personal appearance, conduct, grooming, hygiene, and attire and which might interfere with the education of other students.
- Prevent clothing, jewelry and general appearance that constitute a health or safety hazard to the student or is suggestive or indecent.
- Foster an attitude of respect for authority, improve morale and prepare students to enter the work force that often has rules regarding dress, conduct and appearance.

VERIFY UNIFORMS THROUGH A SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Parents should not rely on stores for information regarding Lafayette Parish uniforms. Parents should call their school or the Lafayette Parish School System Central Office for information before buying uniforms.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

CLOTHING

SHIRTS

- Red, white or navy blue short or long sleeve polo/golf-style shirts
- May not have decorative trim of a different color, emblem, logo or decoration.
- Blouses are not acceptable
- Must have a collar
- Solid color (white, red or navy) undershirts will be allowed under the uniform shirt
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times

BOTTOMS

- Khaki or navy blue pleated or flat front slacks or walking shorts
- Girls may wear skirts (plain, no ruffles), skorts, or jumpers (dresses only, no overall/bib styles)
- No wind suits, corduroy fabrics, jean-cut, slit pants, bell-bottoms, leggings, capri, gauchos, stretch or sweat pants allowed.
- Only straight-leg or boot-cut slacks are allowed
- No cell phone/cargo pockets
- Slacks and shorts must have a waistband with belt loops and must fit at the waist
- Neither under garments nor any part of the midsection should be visible. Pants cannot slip when walking. Sagging is not allowed and is strictly enforced. Elastic waistbands are allowed at the principal's discretion for students in Pre-K through first grade.
- Length for skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no shorter than 6' above the knee

- Shorts (for males and females) must be no longer than the mid-knee and no shorter than 6” above the knee (front and back)
- Length for pants must be at the ankle; slits on pants not allowed
- Logos on pants must be no larger than 1-1/2” square or the logo should be removed. Logos located only on the back hip directly below the belt line are allowed
- Pants must have no holes, frays, slits, rivets, or hemlines below the shoe level and must not have a baggy or an exaggerated crotch

BELTS

- Belts of a black, brown, navy or khaki color must be worn with slacks and shorts (optional for pre-K-1st)
- Belt buckles should be reasonable size

SOCKS

- Socks are required at all times
- Must be white, navy, red or beige in color and cover the ankle
- Girls may wear tights

SHOES

- Closed toe and closed back shoes must be worn at all times
- No specific style of shoe is required; however, no bedroom slippers, combat boots or cowboy boots
- Shoes must be secured (laces tied, straps fastened) at all times

OUTER WEAR

- All outerwear must be of reasonable fit
- Sweatshirts must be long-sleeved and cannot have hoods or uni-pockets**(NO HOODIES)**
- Sweaters (except turtlenecks) are allowed
- Jackets and coats cannot have hoods or uni-pockets
- No long (below the knee) dusters or trench coats
- Uniform polo shirts must be worn under outerwear (staff may request a student to verify this)

HEADWEAR

- Hats, caps, sweat bands, earmuffs and bandannas are not allowed
- Knit caps and hoods may be worn outside only in extremely cold weather.

GROOMING

HAIR & FACIAL HAIR

- Hair on male students should not descend below the bottom of the ear lobe or touch the top of the collar in the backs.
- Traditional cornrows and/or braids are permitted if hair is neatly done and follows all other hair guidelines
- Bangs should not descend below the eyebrow

- Hair rollers, *unnatural hair colors, letters or designs shaved or woven into the head/eyebrows, or other extremes in hair styles are not permitted (*Unnatural is defined as not naturally occurring on people)

JEWELRY

- Excessive (more than one item per wrist, neck, ear, hand) and/or inappropriate jewelry is not permitted
- Nose rings/studs, body piercing with jewelry, tongue studs, eyebrow rings, etc. are not permitted
- Male students may not wear earrings

BODY DECORATIONS

- Makeup, painted faces, tattoos, decals and stick-on tattoos are not permitted
- No artificial nails.

SUNGLASSES

- Not permitted to be worn at all

BOOK BAGS

- There are no restrictions on color of book bags for elementary students
- K-5 schools may prohibit book sacks with wheels due to safety reasons.

EMBLEMS AND INSIGNIA:

- Any combination of clothing and jewelry that law enforcement agencies currently consider gang-related are not permitted
- Discriminatory, obscene or drug/alcohol related emblems, insignia, jewelry, signs, speech or literature that is discriminatory, inflammatory or derogatory toward any sex, race, nationality, creed, political or philosophical group, is obscene or contains profanity, or makes reference to drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco are not permitted

See-through clothes, inappropriate tight-fitting apparel, attire that exposes the midsection, or clothing or apparel that is considered unsafe, dangerous, or a health hazard is prohibited — even if it otherwise follows the student uniform dress code. Clothing must meet all uniform guidelines, regardless of the label information.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

CLOTHING

SHIRTS

- Red, white or navy blue short or long sleeve polo/golf-style shirts
- May not have decorative trim of a different color, emblem, logo or decoration.
- Blouses are not acceptable
- Must have a collar
- Solid color (white, red or navy) undershirts will be allowed under the uniform shirt
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times

BOTTOMS

- Khaki or navy blue pleated or flat front slacks or walking shorts
- Girls may wear skirts (plain, no ruffles), skorts, or jumpers (dresses only, no overall/bib styles)
- No wind suits, corduroy fabrics, jean-cut, slit pants, bell-bottoms, leggings, capri, gauchos, stretch or sweat pants allowed.
- Only straight-leg or boot-cut slacks are allowed
- No cell phone/cargo pockets
- Slacks and shorts must have a waistband with belt loops and must fit at the waist
- Neither under garments nor any part of the midsection should be visible. Pants cannot slip when walking. Sagging is not allowed and is strictly enforced. Elastic waistbands are allowed at the principal's discretion for students in Pre-K through first grade.
- Length for skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no shorter than 6' above the knee
- Shorts (for males and females) must be no longer than the mid-knee and no shorter than 6" above the knee (front and back)
- Length for pants must be at the ankle; slits on pants not allowed
- Logos on pants must be no larger than 1-1/2" square or the logo should be removed. Logos located only on the back hip directly below the belt line are allowed
- Pants must have no holes, frays, slits, rivets, or hemlines below the shoe level and must not have a baggy or an exaggerated crotch

BELTS

- Belts of a black, brown, navy or khaki color must be worn with slacks and shorts (optional for pre-K-1st)
- Belt buckles should be reasonable size

SOCKS

- Socks are required at all times
- Must be white, navy, red or beige in color and cover the ankle
- Girls may wear tights

SHOES

- Closed toe and closed back shoes must be worn at all times
- No specific style of shoe is required; however, no bedroom slippers or combat boots
- Shoes must be secured (laces tied, straps fastened) at all times

OUTER WEAR

- All outerwear must be of reasonable fit
- Sweatshirts must be long-sleeved and cannot have hoods or uni-pockets**(NO HOODIES)**
- Sweaters (except turtlenecks) are allowed
- Jackets and coats cannot have hoods or uni-pockets
- No long (below the knee) dusters or trench coats
- Uniform polo shirts must be worn under outerwear (staff may request a student to verify this)
- Should a student choose to wear a jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt displaying a Lafayette Parish School System school logo, it must be the logo of the school the student presently attends

HEADWEAR

- Hats, caps, sweat bands, earmuffs and bandannas are not allowed
- Knit caps and hoods may be worn outside only in extremely cold weather.

GROOMING

HAIR & FACIAL HAIR

- Hair on male students should not descend below the bottom of the ear lobe or touch the top of the collar in the backs.
- Traditional cornrows and/or braids are permitted if hair is neatly done and follows all other hair guidelines
- Bangs should not descend below the eyebrow
- Hair rollers, *unnatural hair colors, letters or designs shaved or woven into the head/eyebrows, or other extremes in hair styles are not permitted (*Unnatural is defined as not naturally occurring on people)

JEWELRY

- Excessive (more than one item per wrist, neck, ear, hand) and/or inappropriate jewelry is not permitted
- Nose rings/studs, body piercing with jewelry, tongue studs, eyebrow rings, etc. are not permitted
- Male students may not wear earrings

BODY DECORATIONS

- Makeup, painted faces, tattoos, decals and stick-on tattoos are not permitted
- No artificial nails.

SUNGLASSES

- Not permitted to be worn at all

BOOK BAGS

- Only mesh or clear book bags will be allowed
- Book bags or book sacks with wheels will not be allowed unless there is a documented medical condition (provided to school administrator) that requires one
- Approved extracurricular bags must be stowed in assigned area as designated by each school

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the student uniform dress code. Clothing must meet all uniform guidelines, regardless of the label information.

HIGH SCHOOLS

CLOTHING

SHIRTS

- Short or long sleeve polo/golf-style shirts in the following colors based on student's school:
 - Acadiana High School - white, hunter green, black
 - Carencro High School - white, navy, red
 - Lafayette High School - white, kelly green, black
 - Ovey Comeaux High School - white, red, navy
 - Northside High School - white, red, black
 - Charter High School – burgundy, white
- May not have decorative trim of a different color, emblem, logo or decoration.
- Solid white-collared dress shirts, long- or short-sleeved, which button down the front, are also acceptable.
- Must have a collar
- Solid color (see approved school colors) undershirts will be allowed under the uniform shirt
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times
- Students may have the official school logo monogrammed on any uniform shirt. The monogram must be approved by the school administration and must be located only on the upper left side of the shirt

BOTTOMS

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BELTS

- Must be worn with slacks and shorts

SOCKS

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SHOES

- Closed toe and closed back shoes must be worn at all times
- No specific style of shoe is required; however, no bedroom slippers or combat boots
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- Special medical circumstances may be addressed by the school principal

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- Facial hair for males must be neat, clean, and not exaggerated (principal's discretion)

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ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS

Uniform guidelines may vary and will be discussed during the period of intake/orientation.

ENFORCEMENT AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE STUDENT DRESS CODE

Principal's Discretion to Make Uniform Exceptions:

Principals may declare spirit days and allow students to wear school spirit shirts, or dress-up days (such as when school pictures are scheduled). Principals may also allow students to wear other uniforms such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, band, chorus, etc. Other questions about uniforms should be referred first to the school principal. Special dress days are not to be used as school fundraisers.

Dress Code in Special Classes

Students must follow the rules of appropriate dress as dictated by the needs of special classes (i.e. physical education, industrial arts, consumer science, etc.)

Exceptions for Religious Reasons:

Requests for religious exceptions to the dress code must be made to the Office of Child Welfare & Attendance, who will explore the basis for the exception and determine if the exception is warranted. An individual requesting an exception bears the burden of demonstrating the following.

- The individual has a legitimate religious belief that conflicts with the Lafayette Parish School System student dress code.
- The dress or grooming of the student is a documented expression of his or her religious belief.

- The dress or grooming beliefs are rooted in religion and required by his or her religious practice.
- The individual has a sincerely held belief that enforcement of the student dress code will have a coercive effect that will operate to prevent his or her exercise of those religious beliefs.

Any student requesting an exception from the student uniform dress code for religious reasons must produce to the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance documentation establishing the legitimate existence of the religion and evidence of the grooming or dress as rooted in religion and as necessary while in school. The Office of Child Welfare and Attendance may deny a request if, in his or her judgment, the requested exception poses a danger to the student requesting the exception or to any student attending school in the system. All requests for exceptions must be made prior to any actions that would otherwise be a violation of the student uniform dress code.

Final Judgment Resides with the Building Administrator:

The principal will make the final decision if the clothing, hair, jewelry and general appearance of a student meet the Lafayette Parish School System's school uniform and appearance guidelines explained above.

Violation of Dress Code Policy:

Any student who violates the student dress code will be subject to school disciplinary action. Appeals and/or clarification regarding the discipline of a student for improper dress code should be directed to the school principal or designee.