

Dress Code- LRSD Student Handbook 2021-2022

4.25- STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

The Little Rock School Board of Education recognizes that dress can be a matter of personal taste and preference. At the same time, the District has a responsibility to promote an environment conducive to student learning. This requires limitations to student dress and grooming that could be disruptive to the educational process because they are immodest, disruptive, unsanitary, unsafe, could cause property damage, or are offensive to common standards of decency.

Students are prohibited from wearing, while on the school grounds during the school day and at school-sponsored events, clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or the breast of a female. This prohibition does not apply, however to a costume or uniform worn by a student while participating in a school-sponsored activity or event.

The Superintendent shall establish student dress codes for the District's schools, to be included in the student handbook, and are consistent with the above criteria.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-502(c)(1)

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The Following guidelines are to be used in determining appropriate dress and grooming in the school environment:

- Dress and grooming is to be in keeping with health, safety, and sanitary practices
- Students may not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous in educational activities such as labs, shop, physical education or art classes.
- Shoes must be worn as required by law. Slipper, heels (skate shoes) and similar footwear are inappropriate for school and are not to be worn.
- Clothing and accessories are not to substantially disrupt the education process.
- Students are not to wear clothing, buttons, patches, jewelry or any other items with words, phrases, symbols, pictures or signs that are indecent, profane, suggestive, inflammatory or that have negative overtones that appear to be derogatory or discriminatory.
- Students are not to wear suggestive or revealing clothing that diverts attention from the learning process.
- Students are not to wear sunglasses, caps, coats or hats in the building. Coats may be worn in breezeway or open areas of the building during inclement weather. Students are not to wear clothing, outerwear, pins, symbols or insignia of prohibited organizations or street gangs while at school or at any school-related activity.
- Students are prohibited from wearing the following while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day and at school sponsored activities and events:
 - No tank tops or underwear as outer garments;
 - No shorts or skirts more than four (4) inches above the knee;
 - No pajamas;
 - No clothing with negative overtones that appear to be derogatory or discriminatory;

- No clothing or accessories that are profane, suggestive or inflammatory;
- No shirts or blouses tied at the midriff, clothing with bare midriff, or not properly fastened;
- No clothing or accessories or prohibited organizations or street gangs;
- No pants that fall/sag below the waistline;
- No bandanas, Do-Rags or hair bonnets
- No head coverings (unless for religious reasons); and/or for the purposes of cultural/ethnic celebrations;
- No clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks or clothing worn as under garments.

In addition, guidelines for Dunbar Magnet Middle School

- ❖ No Jeans or Pants with Holes in them- If the Jeans or Pants have Holes in them, the student must wear leggings under the Jeans/Pants
- ❖ No Tops that expose the Midriff section or are too low cut and reveal the chest
- ❖ No Short Shorts or short skirts or Dresses- See above
- ❖ No Slippers, House Shoes, Flip Flops, Slides, or Sandals without ankle straps.

It is suggested that students not wear expensive jewelry or other expensive accessories to school. It is difficult to recover such items when they are lost. The local school and/or the Little Rock School District are not responsible for replacing lost or stolen property.