

# DRESS CODE

Recognizing that all individuals and/or families have varied backgrounds and beliefs, the school authorities, through experience, deem it desirable to provide guidelines of student dress so as to minimize possible conflicts with the overall procedures of the school. While many students and parents have no apparent questions or problems in determining satisfactory school dress, the following guidelines are offered. Under Title IX, Federal Law prohibits discrimination of sexes. Therefore, your discretion in providing your own interpretation is asked. If you have any questions, we would be happy to answer them.

1. Clothing that does not cover undergarments will be deemed inappropriate. Undergarments should never be exposed.
2. Clothing should be worn as it was designed to be worn, properly fitted, neat and clean. One such example includes wearing pants with the waistband fitted around the waist. Pulling pants down far below the waist is prohibited.
3. Appropriate shorts, skirts, and dresses are permitted but must be closer to the knee than the bottom of the hip. Skirts that ride up are prohibited (see Item 4).
4. Tight fitting pants, leggings, "jeggins," skinny jean, etc., may be worn as long as the top garment exceeds or meets the bottom of the buttocks (all the way around the body). Appropriate bottoms do not include nylons, tights, net stockings, bare legs, leotards, spandex, etc.
5. Hats, head covers, and excessive head ornamentation are not acceptable in the building. This includes bandanas, kerchiefs, etc.
6. Gloves, coats, and all other outer garments are to be put in lockers and not worn around the building.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times and must be appropriate for the season. Shoes with wheels or rollerblades are not permitted.
8. Clothing that exposes the midriff (crop-top) or any area in excess is not acceptable. Prohibited clothing would include tank tops, halters, shirts with an inappropriate neckline, formfitting/skin tight tops, sheer tops that expose undergarments or cleavage, pants that expose undergarments.
9. Torn and tattered clothing should not be worn.
10. Clothing and insignias relating to gang membership are not acceptable.
11. Sun glasses may not be worn in the building unless prescribed as necessary by a doctor.
12. Patches, symbols, writings which "literally" or by implications are obscene or are such as to shock or affront the standards of common decency or propriety have no place in school and are not permitted. This guideline refers to "T-shirt" imprints that include "double meanings" relating to drugs, alcohol, and sexual behavior; hate groups/symbols or anything that could be considered improper by public standards.
13. Dog collars, chains, or any ornamental items which could be used as a weapon or considered a distraction are not permitted.

14. Flip flops and/or shoes that expose the barefoot are restricted from wear from December 1st through March 31st .

15. Pajamas are not to be worn.

16. Sweatshirts and sweaters as long as hoods are off in the building.

17. Spirit Wear is always encouraged.

17. Common sense and judgment are requested of all students in adhering to normally accepted community standards.

It is practically impossible to have a complete list of "inappropriate school dress rules" because new fads are arising almost daily. This list, therefore, may be added to, deleted, and/or altered as determined periodically by LPHS. It is the responsibility of the school personnel, through normally accepted channels, to exercise their best judgment until such times as the LPHS Board of Education deems it desirable to change. The third infraction of the dress code will result in disciplinary action. The administration reserves the right to determine dress code standards. Students and parents are encouraged to work cooperatively with the school personnel in maintaining an atmosphere of adherence until such times as official changes are made.