

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

Laurel Highlands School District reserves the right to question any mode of dress/jewelry/hair style that is beyond current community/school accepted standards or in any manner jeopardizes the health, welfare or safety of the student or other students. Any clothing judged to be a disruptive influence in class, or interfering with the educational rights of others, is considered improper dress.

Students not adhering to the Dress Code will not be permitted to attend classes until they have changed or altered their clothing. Students will notify their parents if a change of clothes is necessary. Students not adhering to the dress code or students who are deemed to be dressed inappropriately will be placed in the In School Suspension room and/or other specified location until a change of clothes is provided. Repeat offenses will result in progressive discipline.

**These rules and procedures have been developed according to Board Policy regarding student dress and grooming. However, solutions to situations not specifically covered are the responsibility of building level administrators. Appropriate decisions will be made based on the intent and spirit of Board Policy. Students and parents are expected to exercise careful judgment in the selection of appropriate attire for school.**

### SECTION 1: GENERAL

1. Upon entering any district building any person may be scanned by metal detection equipment. (Typically a "walk through" or hand held device.)
2. Torn or ripped clothing that expose skin are not permitted. Torn or ripped pants are only permitted if holes are below fingertip length. To ensure the safety and welfare of all students the administration will have final determination as to appropriateness. In addition, pajama wear is not to worn in school during the school day.
3. Coats, jackets, or garments designed for protection from outside weather are not to be worn in school during the school day.
4. Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, industrial technology, extra-curricular activities and other situations where special attire may be required to ensure health and/or safety of the student.
5. At the principal's discretion, "School Spirit Day", Jump-a-Thons, Steeler Days, etc., may be held. Appropriate attire for these days will be determined by the building principal.
6. Game day dress for cheerleaders and athletes will be at the discretion of the building principal.
7. Baggy or excessive layers of clothing or any clothing considered to pose a safety threat may not be worn. Clothing should be neat and properly fitted and sized to the individual.
8. **Students with Written Medical Excuses Should Submit Them to the Building Principal for Review and Possible Exemption as it Applies to the Dress Code.**

### SECTION 2: TOPS

1. Tops that can be classified as under garments are not permitted. Tops shall not have any writing, pictures, insignias, etc., that are obscene, sexually explicit, violence, drug, alcohol or tobacco related, display confederate/rebel flags, or considered to have double meanings. Also prohibited are any gang related or hate symbols.

2. Halter tops or mesh tops are considered unacceptable and will not be permitted to be worn. Also considered unacceptable are see through blouses or shirts, tube tops, crop tops, tank tops, or spaghetti straps; also, tops may not be low cut or exposing. Bare midriffs, sides, and bare backs are not permitted.

### **SECTION 3: PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/SKORTS**

1. Tear away pants are not permitted.
2. Yoga pants, spandex and leggings are permitted as long as an appropriate shirt/cover is worn that is at least finger length with the arms and fingers fully extended straight down towards the floor and no undergarment are visible.
3. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must not be higher than fingertip length above the knee; this includes the slits in skirts.
4. Pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts must be secured and worn at the waist, no lower.
5. Undergarments must not be exposed in any way.
6. Cut offs are not permitted.

### **SECTION 4: FOOTWEAR**

1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
2. Dress sandals are permitted. Shower shoes/flip flops, and slides are permitted in the swimming pool and locker room areas only. However, the final decision of appropriateness will be made by the building administrator.
3. Bedroom slippers are not acceptable footwear and are not permitted.
4. While participating in PE class, athletic footwear must be worn.

### **SECTION 5: JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES**

1. Spiked jewelry, chains, or any jewelry that may cause injury or is considered a hazard to student safety, will not be permitted. Chains connecting jewelry or chained wallets are not permitted.
2. Pins, tattoos, jewelry, belts, purses, book bags, shoes etc. shall not have writing, pictures, insignias, etc. that are obscene, sexually explicit, violence, drug, alcohol, or tobacco related. Also prohibited are any gang related symbols, hate symbols, or confederate/rebel flags.

### **SECTION 6: HEADWEAR**

1. Hats, sunglasses, visors, sweat bands, bandanas, or any type of headwear is not permitted to be worn in school.
2. Any exception to headwear must be documented by an authorized official in the office.

### **SECTION 7: HEALTH & HYGIENE**

1. Any apparel that is judged unhealthy or unsanitary (i.e. clothing that is dirty and/or gives off a foul odor) is not permitted.
2. All students are expected to maintain good personal hygiene.

### **SECTION 8: BOOKBAGS**

1. Bookbags/Gymbags are permitted as designated by the building principal.
2. Bookbags/Gymbags brought to school are subject to random searches. In other words, these are no longer your total private property. Anything found in the bags that are illegal,