

LAKEWOODHIGH SCHOOL

Student Dress Expectations 2022/2023

Purpose: The purpose of the Lakewood High School Student dress expectations (often referred to as 'The Dress Code') is to articulate what is expected for students to wear on school property, as a representation of what it truly means to be part of the Lakewood community. It is our goal that ALL of our students feel comfortable in their own bodies as well as in the school building. **We strongly encourage all students to choose clothing that is appropriate for a school environment.** The LHS community is one that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion. This dress code makes every effort to remove all bias on the basis of gender, sex, ability, body type, race, religion, etc, in order to maintain every student's right to learn and to maintain their safety in our school.

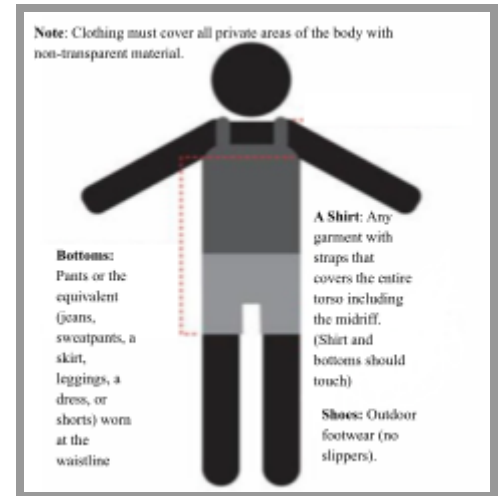


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Students Must At Least Wear the Following at ALL times:

1. **A Shirt:** Any garment with straps that covers the entire torso, including one's back.
2. **Bottoms:** Pants or the equivalent (jeans, sweatpants, a skirt, leggings, a dress, or shorts) worn at the waistline.
3. **Shoes:** Outdoor footwear (no slippers).
4. **Note:** Clothing must cover all private areas of the body with non-transparent material.

Students May Wear:

1. Athletic attire.
2. Ripped jeans provided that one's underwear or buttocks are not exposed.
3. Religious headwear.
4. Headbands and hair accessories that keep the face visible.
5. Specialized attire, such as uniforms or safety gear, as required by the course they are enrolled in.

Students May NOT Wear:

1. Hats, hoods, or other headgear that obscures security camera footage (except as a religious observance or for health reasons).
2. Trench coats.
3. Clothing that contains images or language depicting/suggesting:
 - a. Drugs or alcohol
 - b. Violent language or images
 - c. Vaping or other paraphernalia (of any illegal item or activity).
 - d. Hate speech or anything perpetuating discriminatory ideas on the basis of race, sex, religion, ability, sexuality, etc.
 - e. Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any community group or social class.
 - f. Profanity
 - g. Pornography
4. Clothing or headwear containing gang identifiers (including blue and red bandanas) per Jeffco Board Policy JICA.

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5. Accessories that could be considered dangerous or used as a weapon.
6. Any bulletproof vest, body armor, or tactical gear.
7. Swimsuits (See additional notes).
8. Blankets.

Additional notes:

- Clothing, including footwear, must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- If the student's attire threatens the health or safety of any other person, then discipline for said violation should be consistent with discipline policies for similar infractions.
- There will be no discrimination for any student based on the clothes they are wearing, so long as it does not violate the dress code.
- Clothing requirements and dress codes for participation in sports must be upheld.
- Swimsuits, pajamas, wrestling singlets, etc, are allowed only as required for athletic events or special events (such as Spirit Days or Assemblies) with prior permission from administration.

Process: The dress code enforcement process should be one that does not call undue attention to the student or the teacher involved.

1. In order to identify a student dress code violation, a teacher or administrator will attempt to discreetly send a dress expectation email which will explain the infraction and the next steps for the student.
 - a. The email will be used to attempt to prevent undue attention to the student and/or staff involved.
 - b. The email will encourage students and teachers alike to have a mutual understanding of the dress code and communicate with counselor or administrator to help advise next steps.
2. Students who neglect to adhere to the above code may require additional intervention or disciplinary action.

Dress code designed in collaboration with LHS Women For the World 21/22. Adopted with inspiration from Oneonta City School District in NY and Alameda Unified City School District in CA. The Lakewood High School Dress Expectations are in compliance with the Jeffco Public Schools Guidelines policy JICA and have been cross-referenced with all publicly available Jeffco Public Schools High Schools.