

## Dress/Clothing Guidelines Specific for All LJSD Schools

Lowell Joint SD encourages students to dress appropriately for school. Since we are an educational institution, the daily clothing/attire should be conducive toward an educational environment and should not be disruptive of school operation and the educational process as determined by school administration. Detentions will be given for dress code violations. Students will be required to change in to school provided clothing. Dress or grooming is prohibited if it:

- affects the safety of that student or others
- Is disruptive to the learning process
- is immodest as determined by the school administration
- does not follow outlined school dress code

Clothing must cover the front and the back of the student. No T-back or off-the-shoulder shirts or shirts with cut off sleeves or oversized armholes. No undergarments should be visible and no "see-through" or "fish-net" type shirts are to be worn. Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, and halter tops are unacceptable. No sleepwear or slippers are allowed. Plain white T- shirts cannot be worn alone. No oversized, baggy clothing is allowed. Boys may not wear tank tops or sleeveless shirts. District hats or caps may be worn on campus during P.E. only for sun protection as needed/hoods with sweatshirts may not be worn on your head. Footwear which meets district criteria must be worn. **No flip flops or slides are to be worn.**

Clothing which promotes the illegal or commercial use of drugs, alcohol, vaping, or tobacco/nicotine products or that includes sexual innuendo or profanity is not permitted. Styles of clothing (jackets, initial belt buckles, shirts, hats, accessories, Old English lettering, make-up, hair, etc.) which symbolize affiliation with negative youth groups, such as gangs or cults, are not allowed. Clothing and jewelry such as studded belts, brace- lets and safety pins, which poses a threat to the health and safety of students or the learning environment are not to be worn. (See district dress code in first day packet for a more detailed explanation.) No facial piercing or writing on the skin is allowed. Earrings must be appropriate. Ear "plugs" and "tapers/stretchers" are not allowed at school. Ripped jeans are not allowed; with or without leggings underneath.

**HAIR** – Hair styles must not be a distraction from the learning process. Hair must be a natural occurring color as to not cause distraction to the learning environment. Kool-Aid dyed hair is not appropriate. All synthetic extensions must be a natural hair color. Words, numbers or designs in hair are not permitted.

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## Lowell Joint School District DRESS CODE



Dear Parents:

The Lowell Joint School District is fortunate to have parents and a community that are supportive of maintaining a positive and safe learning environment for students. The Board of Trustees is committed to providing positive learning opportunities and an excellent academic foundation. A dress code describing appropriate dress for students is one step in this process. For our students' safety and to send a positive message to everyone that the schools in the Lowell Joint School District are outstanding schools, we are providing the following guidelines for student dress as indicated in this brochure.

**We strongly urge parents to restrict their students' dress to appropriate and acceptable items and to be aware of what will be prohibited when purchasing new school clothes and footwear.**

# LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT - Dress Code

All students are required to dress appropriately for school. Daily clothing and attire should be conducive to an educational environment and must not be disruptive to the school operation and educational process.

Dress or grooming is prohibited if it:

1. Affects the safety of that student or others,
2. Is disruptive and distracting to the learning process,
3. Is immodest as determined by school administration.

## **Attire Prohibited at Schools Includes:**

### **Shirts and Jackets**

Any shirt, tee shirt, or jacket which is determined to be gang related or which has crude or vulgar language, inappropriate drawings, or tobacco or alcoholic beverages. Any shirt or jacket which is dramatically oversized and inappropriate for the wearer. Clothing which does not cover the front and back of the student. Bare midriffs, low-cut shirts, spaghetti straps, tank tops and halter tops are unacceptable. Undergarments should never be visible. Clothing should be modest and must not detract from the educational environment. Any shirt or jacket with any lettering or symbols found to be offensive to a reasonable person, gang related, or in poor taste is prohibited.

### **Pants/Shorts**

All pants and shorts that are too tight, too short, or are oversized are inappropriate for the wearer. Pants with holes are not allowed. Knee-length, long, and/or oversized type shorts which are worn with knee-high socks are unacceptable. Pants that do not fit at the waist and inseams with excessively lowered crotch areas are not allowed. Leggings without pants, shorts, or a dress over them are not allowed.

### **Footwear**

Footwear must be appropriate for all school activities, including physical education and recess. Sandals and open-toed shoes that do not have a back strap are not suitable for physical education.

### **Hair and Jewelry**

Any distracting hairstyle including dying of unnatural colors, shaving, and letters formed by shaving portions of the head are unacceptable. The principal will determine which hairstyles are unacceptable and can potentially cause a distraction to the learning environment. Any items of jewelry which include leather straps, metal studs, and metal spikes in its construction. No facial piercing or writing on the skin is allowed. Earrings must be appropriate. Ear "plugs" and "tapers/stretchers" are not allowed at school.

### **Accessories**

Suspenders which are referred to as "braces" by the wearer and which are continually worn hanging slack from the waist are not allowed. All suspenders and/or shoulder straps designed to hold up pants or the front of pants which are not worn over the shoulders and fastened appropriately. "Biker" wallets, or any wallets suspended by a chain from the waist of the wearer. Any promotion buttons or bracelets which refer to racial pride, White supremacy, or deemed inappropriate by a reasonable person.

All hats and other head wear, unless specifically designated for religious purposes, specific medical reasons, or sun protection are not allowed. Hats worn for sun protection should meet the criteria of the District Policy. The hats are to be crushable type with a brim not to exceed two inches which encircles the hat.

Your cooperation in protecting the safety of our students and preventing the spread of gang activities to our schools and community is appreciated by the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the teachers and staff members of the District.

Parents and students should review the school rules and dress code which are distributed by each school at the beginning of each school year. For more specific dress code provisions, parents, and students are encouraged to contact their local school principal. Those rules will be enforced by school officials and the Board of Trustees. Persistent violation of the rules can lead to suspension and/or expulsion.