

LACKAWANNA TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that a student dress policy is an essential aspect of creating a school environment that is safe, conducive to learning, and free from unnecessary disruption.</p> <p>The intent of the Lackawanna Trail School District Student Dress Policy is to ensure that students dress appropriately, are not disruptive to the educational process, and do not in any way compromise the safety and security of the school. The purpose of this policy is to improve the academic environment, reduce disciplinary problems as they relate to incidents of violence, bullying, and safety in general.</p>
2. Authority SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11	<p>The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school.</p> <p>Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board authorizes the building principal or designee to monitor student dress and grooming and enforce Board policy and school rules governing student dress and grooming.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lackawanna Trail School District Student Dress Policy</u></p> <p><u>Student Dress Requirements</u></p> <p>All articles of student dress must be appropriately sized to the student and worn properly. Clothing must not be excessively loose or tight. STUDENTS MAY NOT ADD TO, NOR SUBTRACT FROM, THE APPROVED STUDENT DRESS POLICY. Also, student clothing must be maintained in good condition, without holes, rips or tear, or additions.</p> <p>The following guidelines apply:</p>

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Pants: Clean, well-maintained pants only (may include jeans). All pants must be secured at the waist by a belt, snap, button, elastic, Velcro, zipper or the like. Cargo pants, excessively baggy or tight pants, extra-wide, long or full pants, military pants (fatigues), sweat pants, wind pants are not permitted * Elementary students may wear sweatpants on gym days only.

Skirts: Skirt length should range from the 2 inches above the knee to lengths not longer than the ankle. Skirts are permissible in solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns. (May be worn by female students only)

Skorts: All skorts must be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee. Skorts are also permissible in solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns. (May be worn by female students only)

Shorts: All shorts must be a solid color and of a formal/dress style. Shorts must be secured at the waist by a belt, snap, button, elastic, Velcro, zipper or the like and should be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee. Gym shorts, cargos, spandex, jean shorts or the like are not permitted.

Capris: All capris must be of a formal/dress style. (May be worn by female students only)

Shirts: A collared, button-down shirt, dress or golf-style shirt is acceptable. All shirts must have a collar. Solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns are permissible. Long or short sleeves are acceptable. Shirts may not have more than two (2) buttons unbuttoned at the throat. If students wear a shirt underneath their button-down or golf shirt, it must be a solid color with no writing visible.

Sweaters: Crew, turtleneck, V-neck sweaters or cardigan sweaters or sweater vests are acceptable. Solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns are permissible. A collared shirt (conforming to the above) or solid color turtleneck must be worn underneath the sweater.

Sweatshirts: Crewneck sweatshirts may be worn. Solids, stripes, plaids, and patterns are permissible. No hooded sweatshirts are allowed. A collared shirt (conforming to the above) or solid color turtleneck must be worn underneath the sweatshirt.

Shirts, Sweaters and Sweatshirts may have Lackawanna Trail logos or any approved Trail affiliated logos. Manufacturer's logos that identify the manufacturer or brand present on these items at the time of purchase, 3" x 3" or smaller, are permitted. No other self-made, manufactured or constructed logos are permitted. Any top that exposes a bare midriff is prohibited.

Turtlenecks: Turtlenecks may only be worn under a sweater or sweatshirt. Turtlenecks must be of a solid color.

Shoes: Students shall wear dress shoes or sneakers. Flip-flops, rubber or plastic beach type shoes are not permitted. Any footwear that presents a safety issue will be prohibited. Socks must be worn. Tights or nylons of a solid color may be worn by females only. Shoes with wheels of any type are not permitted.

Other: Sunglasses, jackets, coats, head-coverings, bandanas and outerwear are not permitted during the school day. Headbands of a solid color are permissible.

No clothing may have printing, sayings, scenes, or the like unless specifically permitted as described in this policy. In addition, garments worn on the lower body may bear only a small manufacturer or brand logo no larger than 3" x 3".

Students may wear clothes of a more formal nature as follows:

Boys: Men's or boy's suits or sport coats with solid pants, dress shoes, and dress shirt and tie (in conformance with all other aspects of the dress code).

Girls: Women's or girl's dresses or suits in conformance with the lengths and color patterns described above and in conformance with all other aspects of the dress code.

Final determination of conformity to this dress code shall be made by the administration and/or his/her designee(s) who at the time is immediately in charge.

Articles of clothing must be worn neatly and sized appropriately for the student. The administration reserves the right to make judgments when necessary regarding appropriate dress to insure conformity and consistency. Students who violate the student dress policy will be subject to the disciplinary consequences listed below.

Discipline consequences:

- Parental contact will be made for each violation
- First offense: One day In-School Suspension
- Second offense: One day In-School Suspension, and one day Out-of-School Suspension
- Third offense: One day In-School Suspension, and two days Out-of-School Suspension.

A student may return to class after an In-School or Out-of-School Suspension only after conforming to the student dress policy and a meeting. Along with a parent/guardian, with a Principal or Assistant Principal is held.

5. Pol. 204
SC 510, 1318

Each Out-of-School Suspension will be recorded as an unexcused absence (truancy) and may be prosecuted through the District Magistrate under compulsory attendance law.

A written warning may be issued in lieu of an In-School Suspension at the administrator's discretion depending on the severity of the violation. A written warning shall be issued no more than once.

Exceptions: Schools sometimes celebrate accomplishments or generate enthusiasm for upcoming special events; for example, spirit days or fund raising activities. Requests for an exception to the student dress code on these days must be made in advance to the Principal.

The administration and/or his/her designee(s) may authorize exceptions to the student dress policy guidelines at any time throughout the year for specifically designated days, health reasons, or for school sponsored activities.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec(s). 510, 1317.3, 1318
State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11
Board Policy – 204