

Dress Code



The purpose of this dress code is to enhance school safety, improve the learning environment, and promote good behavior. Children's attitudes toward schoolwork and behavior are related to the clothing that they wear. Therefore, we recommend clothing and footwear suitable for a working atmosphere and appropriate weather. In order to achieve this goal, the following guidelines are in place at the Lakewood Elementary Schools:

Dress and Grooming

Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted.

Students who are representing the school at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, and other such groups, and may also apply to some field trips.

Physical education classes may have their own dress requirements depending on age level and planned activities. Students must dress appropriately for physical education class so that they may participate safely.

Tops must have sleeves and be of comparable style to those pictured below:



Elementary School

General

- Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times, including when arms are raised.
- Hats, caps, hoods, and other headwear may not be worn during the school day unless for school-sponsored activities.
- Jackets and coats (outerwear) may not be worn indoors during the school day.
- The following items are inappropriate for school and therefore not permitted:
 - Unnaturally colored hair
 - Make-up, body glitter, and tattoos
 - Visible body piercing other than in the ears
 - Clothing that is in disrepair, ripped, or contains holes
 - Any article of clothing or accessory that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence or is offensive or degrading
 - Anything that may cause a distraction to the educational process or is deemed inappropriate or unsafe

Shoes

- Tennis shoes or sturdy, form-fitting shoes are recommended for the school day.
- No backless or high-heeled shoes are permitted. (Flip flops are not permitted; sandals with back straps can be worn.)
- No shoes with wheels (can be worn if wheels are removed)

Pants, Shorts, Skirts

- Pants and shorts need to fit snugly at the waist.
- Sagging clothing is not acceptable.
- Extremely brief shorts and short skirts are not appropriate for school. Mid-thigh length or longer is appropriate.

Shirts

- Shirts with sleeves are recommended.
- Halter, tank, and thin-strapped tops are not permitted. Sleeveless athletic jerseys without a t-shirt underneath are not permitted.

This dress code does not regulate the exercise of an individual's sincerely held religious beliefs.