

The Louisiana Recovery School District

Dress Code Policy

All students are expected to maintain personal attire and grooming standards that promote safety, health, and acceptable standards of social conduct. Cleanliness shall be a basic consideration. Students are expected to be responsible in their dress and grooming by avoiding extremes and manifesting self-discipline with regard to their appearance. For health and safety reasons, students must wear shoes to school.

Student dress and appearance that disrupts the school environment may result in the requirement of changing to appropriate attire and/or further disciplinary action. The principal of each school shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper attire.

Guidelines for acceptable, normal, good grooming should be taught and enforced in the home by the parents as part of their responsibility in training their children for responsible citizenship. Cooperation of parents is expected.

Any substantial complaint concerning the dress code shall be dealt with by the school administration.

School Dress Code

Students attending PreK-12 schools in the Louisiana Recovery School District shall be required to adhere to the official school dress code. The dress code shall be the same for all schools, as follows:

No emblems or logos are allowed on shirts, pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, jackets, outerwear, headwear, belts, or any other items of clothing, jewelry, backpacks, decoration or decorative trim, including emblems, logos, and decorations bearing a school name, mascot, or other identifiable school symbol, plaid, or designation. No students shall wear or display any item that can be identified with a particular school.

1. Shirts must be a solid-colored golf or polo style collared, uniform-type, short-sleeve shirt in any color and be tucked in at all times. Turtlenecks are acceptable in the winter (NO t-shirts as outerwear.)
2. If a shirt is worn under the outer, collared shirt, it must not be seen.
3. Pants must be uniform-style pants in any color with belt loops. Slacks, shorts must fit at the waist and must be free from frays and holes. Belts must be worn at all times. Pants must not drag the floor. (No jeans, biking shorts, stretch pants, Capri pants, cargo pants, sweatpants, windsuits or jogging suits).
4. Pants, shorts, and skorts must measure (front and back) no shorter than three inches above the knee. Skirts, jumpers and dresses must measure no shorter than three inches above the knee.

5. Belts must be worn with slacks and shorts. Belts must be visible and worn around the waist.
6. Socks (or stockings for girls) are required and must cover the ankle and be visible.
7. Only closed-back, closed-toe shoes are acceptable. (No flip-flops, house shoes, backless shoes, or mules)
8. Acceptable outerwear for classroom is limited to include sweater, sweater vest, sweatshirt, and light jacket without hoods. During class time, jackets are to remain open – not zipped or buttoned.
9. Heavy coats and jackets worn to and from school and/or outdoors are not restricted.
10. No headwear shall be worn on campus.
11. Spirit shirt/club shirt may be worn on day/s determined by the school administrator.

Other Dress Code Regulations:

1. Outer clothing that resembles loungewear, pajamas, or underwear is prohibited.
2. Prohibited items include bandannas, hair rollers, extremes in hair styles, psychedelic hair colors, lines, letters, or designs shaved in the hair.
3. Sunglasses, nose rings, visible body piercing, and excessive or inappropriate jewelry are prohibited.
4. Prohibited items include excessive makeup, painted faces, visible tattoos, and stick-on tattoos.
5. Clothing worn is not to be suggestive, revealing or indecent.
6. Clothing, jewelry, and general appearance are not to be of the type that would cause a disturbance or distract or interfere with the instructional programs.
7. Clothing, jewelry, and general appearance are to be such as not to constitute a health or safety hazard.

Principals may declare spirit or club days and allow students to wear school spirit shirts, or dress-up days (i.e., when school pictures are scheduled) or allow students to wear other dress code attire such as uniforms or special dress for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, athletes, cheerleaders, band, or chorus. Other questions about the dress code should be referred first to the school authorities, then to the central office staff.

Dress Code Disciplinary Procedures

The following disciplinary procedures for non-compliance of the dress code policy will be uniformly applied by each principal or designee:

1. Students in non-compliance will be placed in an on-site detention room until appropriate clothing is obtained from home. If students are unable to obtain appropriate clothing from home, they will remain in the detention room the remainder of the day.
2. **First offense:** letter of reminder (warning) sent to the parent/guardian from the principal or designee with the requirement that it be signed and returned the following day.
3. **Second offense:** parent/guardian is called for a conference.

4. **Third offense:** on-site detention.
5. **Fourth offense:** 2- day suspension (at home or in school) and subsequent parent/guardian conference.