Student Dress Code and Grooming Regulations

Any apparel, jewelry, accessories, etc., which draws undue attention to the wearer, detracts from the educational process, or considered a safety risk to the wearer or others, shall be considered inappropriate. Lakeview Administration reserves the right to ultimately determine what constitutes appropriate student apparel (and the like) according to the guidelines set forth. In order to provide a safe and nurturing environment, Lakeview Leadership Academy has developed the following dress code and grooming policy. Any violation of the following rules and regulations are subject to disciplinary action.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING  All clothing shall be within the bounds of decency, in good taste and appropriate for school.

1. Clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times, including bra straps, underwear and athletic shorts worn underneath pants.

2. Shoes must be worn at all times. For safety purposes, no open toed shoes, no heel over two inches, no slippers/house shoes and closed toe sandals must be held in place with heel strap. Steel-toed shoes and cleats are not permitted; all footwear must have a rubber (or comparable) sole.

3. Dress/skirt/short length must be appropriate. When student’s arms hang straight down, their fingertips should meet the hem of the garment.

4. Lettering or printing will be allowed on apparel and other items as long as it is acceptable for school attire. Vulgar or offensive text and/or pictures depicting tobacco, drugs, alcohol, gang-related names/symbols, or are sexually explicit and suggestive are not allowed. Profanity or scripted font that intentionally implies any of the above is not allowed.

5. Pant size must be appropriate-
   - The fullness must not interfere with normal school activities. If the belt is removed, pants must not fall more than two inches below the hipbone. The crotch should not drop lower than the fingertips of the extended hand. The length of the pant should not extend past the heel of the shoe. When side seams are pulled out straight and then are crossed to the front, the edge of the pants should not cross the mid-point of the leg.
   - No garment that is cut-off, ragged or torn shall be acceptable if it does not meet the “fingertip length” requirement, for example: Jeans that have a hole/tear in the knee are acceptable as long as the hole/tear does not extend above the fingertips of the students hanging arm. This rule even applies when jeans are worn with tights or leggings underneath them. Tights and/or leggings worn alone which emphasize the silhouette of the body are not allowed.
• Sagging is not allowed. No undergarments, specifically underwear and shorts, should be visible above the waistline of the pant nor display the silhouette of the buttocks.

6. Clothing that is too tight, revealing or sexually provocative is not allowed. No exposure of cleavage or midriff area. Student should be able to raise his/her arms above their head without revealing bare skin.

7. No hats or beanies of any kind are allowed on campus, with the exception of school approved Spirit Wear, made available through ASB.

8. During warm weather months, tank tops are allowed providing they meet the following criteria:

   • No spaghetti straps, no bra straps showing.
   • Must not be see-through.
   • Cannot be low cut, must have shoulder straps wide enough to cover undergarments from front to back.
   • Arm opening must not fall below the top of the rib cage and completely cover the chest.
   • Must be in good taste, non-form fitting and anything that is considered sleepwear or loungewear is not permitted.

GANG RELATED APPAREL  Students wearing, or in possession of, items associated with gang related activities become targets for violence - even though they may not be gang members themselves. In order to maintain a safe campus at all times, we have a zero tolerance for anything falling into this category. The following have been identified by VVUHSD, the Principal and Local Law Enforcement as unacceptable:

1. Raiders and Kings clothing, “LA” and “Skin” labels, in addition to any brand, club, team, group, label, etc., that has been identified as being a gang or hate group.

2. No bandanas, do-rags, hair nets or head gear that prevents clear view of the head or face.

3. Items that promote hate, intolerance or violence.

4. Wallet chains, bandanas/rags or lanyards hanging from a pocket.

5. No monikers, “gang slang” or references to any of the above.

   • COLORS—Students shall not wear clothing or apparel identified as “colors.” The term “colors” is defined as a display by the wearing or placement of apparel by a group of students, or an individual, which would signify the membership or intent of
membership in a group known to advocate or participate in disruptive, hateful or illegal behavior.

**GROOMING AND ACCESSORIES**  *For the safety of our students and integrity of our campus, the following rules apply:*

1. Hair and physical appearance shall be clean and neatly groomed. Aerosol cans of any type are not allowed on campus, i.e.; hairspray, hair color, “AXE” and perfume. No excessive makeup is allowed.

2. Belts and belt buckles must be plain, unadorned and of an appropriate size for the student. No spikes or chains are allowed.

3. Lip, eyebrow and nose piercings are **not** allowed at any time. Ear piercings must be kept to a minimum, in good taste and must not present a safety hazard to the student or anyone else. Pointed, sharp or large looped jewelry, in addition to jewelry that is distractive to the learning environment is not allowed. IE: large gauges, cone shaped or pointed piercings, brass knuckle style rings, chains or loops that could easily get caught on or in something.

4. Gloves may be worn during inclement weather only. No single glove is to be worn at anytime. No leather type gloves such as baseball or football gloves are to be worn to school.

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The rules set in place by VVUHSD and Lakeview Administration are meant to insure the safety of our students and integrity of our campus. Students who choose not to follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action. The right of decision regarding any instance of dispute or disagreement will ultimately belong to the Principal and his/her designee.