

## **DRESS CODE**

Lakeside Middle School has adopted this dress code in an effort to provide for students' individual taste as well as prohibiting dress styles that are unsafe or disruptive. We appreciate your assistance in abiding by the dress code. Please remember that the dress code is designed to provide you with a safe environment that enhances the learning process. **(Education Code 35183)**

- All clothing must be neat and clean.
- Caps, hats, bandanas, hoodies, and hairnets are not allowed.
- No chains attached to belts or wallets, hanging from clothing or body.
- Tops/dresses may not be low cut or show bare midriffs. Tops that are too tight or revealing are not allowed. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or halter styles are not allowed. Undergarments should not be visible; all buttons on tops must be done or the shirt must be covering the undergarment. No sheer, mesh or see through tops. **Also no sleeveless shirts or cold shoulder tops. No crop tops/no tank tops.**
- Pants are to be no more than 1 size (2 inches) larger than the waist size of the student. They may not be baggy or sagged. In addition, they must be of appropriate length and not drag on the ground. Undergarments must not be visible. Rubber bands, etc. are not to be worn around ankles.
- Shorts providing modesty are acceptable for school. Short-shorts are not acceptable.
- Shirt/tops may not be longer than the end of the student's fingertips with his/her arms to the side. Students will be asked to tuck in or remove oversized shirts.
- Clothing with depiction of violence, obscenity, alcohol/drugs, tagging, or illegal activity (this includes shirts depicting guns, spray cans, etc.) is not allowed.
- **No frayed, torn, cut, slit, etc., clothing is acceptable.**
- Leggings may only be worn with an appropriate skirt, dress, or shorts. No "jeggings" type jeans will be permitted.
- Pajamas or "lounger" pants may not be worn.
- High socks while worn with long shorts below the knee are not acceptable.
- No sunglasses, sports-like headbands or energy drinks.
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed and be a "natural" color, i.e., black, brown, auburn, blonde, etc. The cut/style must not be extreme. Excessive make-up is not acceptable. Tattoos may not be visible.
- **Due to safety concerns, no earrings or body rings of any type may be worn during Physical Education. Therefore, we encourage students to refrain from piercing during the school year in order to allow time for the piercing to heal. Failure to adhere to this suggestion may result in a lower PE grade due to non-suits/non-participation.**
- All students will wear appropriate and safe footwear to school. Shoes must be tied or fastened properly, i.e., no socks under shoe tongues (stuffing shoes). Flip flops, sandals, soft-sole moccasins, slippers/house shoes, open toe shoes and steel-toed boots/shoes are not allowed.

Lakeside Middle School has banned gang-related dress styles due to concerns about the safety of all students and thus the following will not be permitted on campus. Students wearing gang attire become a target for violence even if they are not gang members. Local law enforcement officials indicate that the following types of dress contribute to gang association and violence **(Education Code 32282)**:

- Oversized, baggy clothing, including pants (waists & legs), white T-shirts and tank style undershirts.
- Oversized belts, insignia or initial belt buckles, steel-toed boots.
- Athletic jerseys (shirts) or clothing with Raiders, White Sox's, Georgetown or Kings logos.
- Dickies type shorts/pants, Pro Club sweatpants, and checkered shorts

## **DRESS CODE CONSEQUENCES:**

With all violations, students will be required to change into Lakeside loaner clothing. All borrowed clothing must be washed and returned or the student will be placed on the debt list. Students who misplace their loaner clothes may pay off their debt for \$5. Clothing will only be returned to a parent. We will notify (via school newsletter or memo) the dates and times that the items will be available for pick-up.

1<sup>st</sup> Violation: Warning/Student may pick up after 3 pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: Parent conference may be required/Parent may pick up.

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation: Clothing will not be available for pick-up until the end of the school year.

4<sup>th</sup> Violation: Discipline consequences may be issued for habitual defiance of school dress code with parent conference.