

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Student Dress Code has been adopted by the Lynn School Committee in order to promote an appropriate standard of dress in the Lynn Public Schools, while also balancing the rights of students.

The Dress Code should be administered fairly and equitably. Application of the Dress Code should be made by the school principal or principal's designee, taking into account the core values of the Lynn Public Schools, as they may relate to dress.

Dress Code violations may result in the student having to change, cover, or remove attire. Violations also may be subject to the Discipline Code. The degree, frequency, and circumstances surrounding any violation should impact the methods used in enforcement, and disciplinary actions shall be progressively applied.

1. Each student must wear the following:
  - a. Shirt or other clothing top that covers the midriff and chest.
  - b. Pants, shorts, dress, skirt, or other clothing bottom. Such clothing items must be worn at or above the waistline.
  - c. Footwear (other than prohibited below).
  
2. Students may not wear the following:
  - a. Face coverings, hats, hoods, bandanas unless worn as part of a sincerely held religious belief or for a medical purpose.
  - b. Gloves or mittens, unless for a medical purpose.
  - c. Pajamas.
  - d. See-through fabric, partially see-through fabric, or mesh that exposes areas of the body expected to be covered by the visual above.
  - e. Sunglasses or dark glasses, unless worn for a medical purpose.
  - f. Clothing, jewelry, accessories or visible tattoos that promote illegal activity, display violence or weapons, or are obscene, vulgar, or lewd.
  - g. Clothing, jewelry, accessories or visible tattoos that are gang-related.
  - h. Clothing, jewelry, accessories or visible tattoos that promote or display controlled substances, such as tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
  - i. Clothing, jewelry, accessories or visible tattoos that are distractive, disruptive, or detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school.
  - j. Clothing, jewelry, accessories or visible tattoos that contain hate speech or imagery that targets others on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed/religion, sex, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, marital status, homelessness, special need, proficiency in the English language or academic achievement or any other consideration made unlawful by any federal, state or local laws or regulations.
  - k. Undergarments may not be visible.
  - l. Rips or tears in clothing may not expose undergarments or areas of the body expected to be covered by the visual above.
  - m. Clothing that may cause danger to other students or school personnel, danger to oneself, or may cause damage to school or personal property, is not allowed. Examples include, but are not limited to, metal spikes, studs, or chains, or clothing or footwear that contains metal spikes, studs or chains.
  - n. Flip-flops, slippers, footwear that poses a safety concern, and footwear that contains metal cleats, taps, or wheels is not allowed.

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3. Exceptions to the Dress Code may be made by the school for school-sponsored athletics, vocational or other specialized classes, or other school-required reasons. Attire must be suitable for any scheduled class that may have unique requirements. Schools may also require certain attire to be worn for physical education classes.

(Visual below depicts areas of the body that may not be exposed by see-through fabric, partially see-through fabric, or mesh. Additionally, rips or tears in clothing may not expose undergarments or areas of the body covered by the visual. See subparagraphs (d) and (l) above.)



*Adopted by the Lynn School Committee  
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