

DRESS CODE

The LCSD states: “The purpose of the Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times. The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student. A student who is dressed appropriately is demonstrating a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the principal or designee. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.”

****PLEASE REVIEW THE LCSD and CLMS DRESS CODE BEFORE PURCHASING YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL CLOTHES.**

Standardized Dress

A standardized dress code features classic styles of pants, shirts, and skirts that are available in a wide range of colors.

Tops

- Polo-style shirts only— solid or striped, **polo collared** shirt with sleeves.
- Logos, brand names or brand insignias on polo shirts may be no larger than a half dollar.
- Any Cypress Lake Middle T-Shirt purchased or provided from CLMS, PTSA, band, dance, or CLMS club shirt, etc. may be worn instead of a polo-style shirt.
- Tops must fit loosely enough that all buttons can be closed without strain. Shirt backs, chest and stomach areas must be long enough to provide full coverage.
- Shirts worn underneath polo shirts must be a solid color.
- Button down shirts may NOT be worn.
- Button down shirts may also not be worn as jackets.

Bottoms

- Pants – must be worn at the natural waist. Pants may not be secured with rubber bands or tucked into socks. All bottoms must have belt loops.
- Jeans & Capris – Modest fit, no tears, rips or ripped designs. Jeans and Capris must be worn securely at the natural waist. No cutoff jeans permitted. No sweatpants or pants made from sweat pant or dry fit material.
- Skirts, Shorts & Skorts – Modest fit, hem must extend two inches beyond fingertips and maintain that length while walking. No slits above the knee. Leggings under skirts are allowed, but skirts, shorts, and skorts must still meet length requirements. No cut-off shorts permitted.

Dresses

- Must have collars and sleeves.
- Hem must extend two inches beyond fingertips and maintain that length while walking. No slits above the knee.
- Leggings under dresses are allowed, but dresses must still meet length requirements.

Shoes/Footwear

- Shoes or sandals must have a back that attaches to the heel – no bedroom slippers, “slides”, flip-flops, or backless sandals.
- Students are strongly discouraged from wearing sandals that expose the toes – hallways are busy and it is easy to injure toes.

No Athletic shorts, warm up pants, baggy pants, tight pants, wide-legged pants, ripped or torn clothing, tight shirts, short shirts, pull-over jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, sunglasses, or pajamas.

Outerwear

All outerwear must be a solid color, or an overall print or pattern that is school appropriate. Script, designs or large graphic words or prints are not permitted. Logos, brand names or brand insignias on collared shirts may be no larger than a half dollar. **Pullover sweatshirts/hoodies are not allowed.** All outerwear must have a zippered or buttoned front. Button up shirts cannot be worn as a jacket. Jackets must remain unzipped during school hours.

Hair and Head Wear

Student hair color is limited to any naturally occurring color. Extreme, distracting hair styles are not allowed. Bandanas, scarves and hats are not allowed with the exception of baseball caps that are allowed when students are participating in outdoor activities (PE, etc.). Picks cannot be worn in the hair and must be kept in a pocket or backpack.

Body Piercings or Adornments

Adornments that are attached (pierced) to exposed body parts, other than the ear, are prohibited. Examples of prohibited adornments to exposed body parts include, but are not limited to, objects attached or pierced to the tongue, nose, eyebrows, cheeks, lips, and teeth.

Jewelry

Necklaces must be tucked into the shirt at all times. Bracelets, earrings, anklets, etc. must be subtle and not distracting. If jewelry is deemed a distraction to the learning environment, students will receive a warning and then receive a dress code violation. Earrings with spikes are unacceptable.

Face Coverings:

- Type:
 - Cloth or surgical face coverings will be required in the Face-to-Face model of instruction, except while seated eating breakfast or lunch.
 - Face coverings must completely cover the nose and mouth, and fit snugly to the wearer’s face with no gaps.
 - Face shields can be worn in conjunction with a face covering, but cannot be worn alone.
 - Neck gaiters can be worn in conjunction with a face covering, but cannot be worn alone.
 - Ski masks, full face/head coverings are not permitted.

- At this time, based on guidance from health authorities, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves/vents, mesh material, lace, holes or other largely porous material are not suitable.
- Style:
 - Face coverings shall adhere to the CLMS Student Dress Code for all apparel.
 - Face coverings must follow the same style requirements as tops (shirts). For example, only solid or striped face coverings with no wording are permitted.
- Disposable face coverings are available at the school for any student who does not have a face covering that complies with this policy.
- The Face Covering section of the dress code policy is subject to change based upon guidance from health authorities and the School District of Lee County.

DRESS CODE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

For certain special events, such as dances, spirit days, field trips, fundraisers or school-wide activities, special dress allowances are permitted. These allowances will be stated on the news, afternoon announcements, teacher notification and written notice will be emailed home via the School Messenger. Questions regarding the revised criteria should be addressed to the main office at least 24 hours before the day of the special event. Students are expected to come to school on special dress days in accordance with the allowance made for the day. Students not meeting the revised criteria will be disciplined according to the Code of Conduct Dress Code violation.