

DRESS CODE

Purpose: To establish the basic structure to provide an educational atmosphere conducive to learning. With this responsibility in mind, the board adopts this dress code, which meets the following criteria:

- Adheres to applicable legal standards
- Is applicable for all schools

Promotes a wholesome educational atmosphere conducive to learning.

The basic responsibility for the appearance of the students of Lexington School District Two rests with the parents and the students themselves.

Parents have the obligation and, within certain prescribed bounds, the right to determine their children's dress; however, the following guidelines must be followed.

- Attire must not be destructive to school property (For example: soccer, football or baseball cleats, golf shoes, etc. must not be worn in the building);
- Dress must comply with the health and safety codes of the state of South Carolina;
- Dress must not interfere with the educational process or the rights of others;
- For health and safety reasons, flip flops, thongs, shower shoes, and bedroom shoes are prohibited. Certain classes, such as those relating to vocational instruction, may require specific footwear;
- Headwear or hair rollers are prohibited in the building;
- Sunglasses are prohibited in the building unless they are prescribed;
- Any garment that exposes bare midriffs at any time, see-through garments, clinging and revealing material, white undergarment type t-shirts, bare backs, halter tops, low-cut blouses, and tank tops are prohibited;
- Obscene, profane language, provocative pictures, advertisement of drugs or alcohol, or racial messages or slurs on clothing or jewelry are prohibited;
- Shorts, miniskirts, and culotte-type clothing are allowed with the following restrictions:
 - Said garments must be no shorter than "fingertips" in length when worn at normal waistline level and must be no higher than mid-thigh when seated; and
 - May not be made of clinging material such as, but not limited to, biker shorts and pants, surfer pants form fitting knit material;
- Pants must be worn at the waistline at all times (**no "sag and bag"**). If belts are worn, they must be secured at the waistline to the pants;
- Dog collars, chains, etc. are prohibited.

The presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory or any manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attribute, which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with a gang or secret society, is prohibited.

School administrators will be responsible for enforcing the student dress code. A teacher who recognizes that a student's garment violates these guidelines will refer the student to an administrator, who will judge the appropriateness of the garment. If the garment violates the dress code policy, the student will not be permitted to attend classes until the inappropriate garment is replaced. A teacher will be allowed to restrict the manner of dress or length of hair when it pertains to the health and/or safety or other requirements of a student in that teacher's specific area.