

DRESS AND GROOMING - LCSB POLICY 5511

The School Board recognizes that each student's dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish a reasonable dress code in order to promote a safe and healthy school setting and enhance the educational environment. The dress code shall be incorporated into the Student Code of Conduct.

Items of apparel that when worn together are usually indicative of gang membership or apparel that contain a message that is obscene or promotes illegal activities, drugs, discrimination, alcohol, or tobacco products shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school sponsored functions.

Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors for extended periods of time during school hours, such as when students are outside at lunch, recess or physical education. Students shall not wear hats or sunglasses in the classroom, hallways or other indoor instructional spaces.

While on school grounds during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.

Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and are subject to the following disciplinary action:

- A. For a first offense, the student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal shall call the student's parent or guardian.
- B. For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days and the school principal shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.
- C. For a third or subsequent offense, a student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to F.S. 1003.01(5), for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and the school principal shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The Superintendent designates the principal as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building.