

## **Lindale Junior High and High School Dress Code**

### **All Students:**

1. Are to button shirts and blouses from the first button below the collar downward.
2. The length of shorts must be within three inches from the top of the knee cap. Students may wear athletic shorts; all shorts must be within three inches from the top of the knee cap. All shorts must be hemmed. Tight shorts are not allowed. Bike shorts may be worn only if covered by other shorts. Boxer shorts are not allowed to be visible.
3. Clothes or accessories may not represent alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illicit drugs, vulgar slogans or pictures, suggestive comments or pictures, references to death or violence.
4. Are prohibited from wearing clothing that is sheer or "see-through" without proper undergarments being worn, such as slips for girls and undershirts for boys.
5. May not wear sunglasses, caps, hats into the academic building.
6. Are prohibited from wearing any clothing that exposes a bare midriff when both arms are raised.
7. Are prohibited from wearing chains, including wallet chains.
8. Are prohibited from wearing any clothing that is cut, torn, frayed, or that has holes. Pants and jeans that are excessively worn at the bottom must be neatly hemmed or cut so that there are not any excessive frays.
9. Are prohibited from wearing big, baggy pants. Pants must be worn at the true waist.
10. Are prohibited from using exaggerated make-up. Hair must be natural hair tones.
11. Are to wear appropriate footwear (no house shoes.)
12. Are to wear appropriate undergarments.
13. Are prohibited from having tongue rings or any visible body piercings, with the exception of earrings for females. Students cannot wear bandaids to cover up piercings or spacers of any kind to fill in a piercing.
14. Are prohibited from having exposed tattoos.
15. No gang related clothing or graffiti is allowed anywhere at school.
16. No head coverings unless approved by the office.
17. May not wear contact lenses that by their design or color that disrupts the learning process. Any accessory that disputes the educational setting is prohibited.
18. Are prohibited from wearing pajamas.
19. Writing on arms, hands, and body in any way is not permitted.
20. Are prohibited from wearing large, oversized shirts or trench coats.
21. Are prohibited from wearing any type of clothing that may be deemed a disruption (gang-related, controversial, safety concern, etc.) by a school administrator.
22. All items of clothing or accessories must be worn in the manner in which they were designed to be worn.

### **Female Students:**

1. May not wear low-neck blouses.
2. Skirts, shorts, or dresses must extend within three inches from the top of the knee cap.
3. May wear leggings/jeggings as long as leggings/jeggings are worn with a dress/skirt/skort that is dress code length (three inches from the top of the knee cap.)
4. Are to keep hair well groomed.
5. Shirt straps must be at least three inches in width.
6. May wear earrings that are not distracting.

**Male Students:**

1. May not wear tank tops such as apparel or shirts with sleeves cut or torn out. All shirts must have a sleeve and have a hem.
2. Hair must be kept clean and neat and not be a distraction to the learning environment; the length should not interfere with the student's ability to read, see, or write. The student's hair should be pulled away from the face and styled so that the eyes are not covered. Hair should be kept to a natural hair color.
3. Are prohibited from having any facial hair.
4. May not wear any type of ear adornment.
5. May not wear painted fingernails or facial makeup.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Only the type of dressing and grooming that lends itself to the best possible learning situation for the student body will be permitted. Campus administrators are responsible for administering the dress and grooming code on their campus. Any article of clothing that is worn in a manner that could be considered a safety risk to any individual on campus may be dealt with individually by a principal.

Any exceptions to the dress code will be determined by administration on a case-by-case basis.