

### **Lauderdale County School System DRESS CODE**

*The Board has the responsibility to maintain an appropriate atmosphere conducive to learning. Therefore, the responsibility for appropriate dress and grooming rests with the parents/guardians. Parents/Guardians and students should keep in mind that the reputation of the home, school, and community is reflected in dress, grooming, and behavior of students. Student dress and grooming shall be appropriate to the classroom. Wearing apparel shall be such that it does not disrupt the classroom atmosphere, become unusually distracting, or violate health and safety rules of the school. Students are encouraged to dress modestly and respectfully at all school-related events. These minimum standards shall apply to all students in the Lauderdale County School System. (Local schools may have additional rules that apply to their school only.)*

1. Shoes or sandals must be worn.
2. Students shall not wear midriff shirts, tube tops, spandex, mesh, fishnet garments, backless tops, strapless tops, tops or dresses with spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter tops, or pajamas in grades 5-12.
3. Shirts that expose a large area under the arms or expose undergarments are not allowed during school hours.
4. Shorts shall be permitted in grades K-12; however, beginning in the 5th grade, shorts are permissible when the length is at least one (1) inch below mid-thigh and not so tight that they would be considered disruptive. No bicycle shorts, lace-inserted shorts, cutoffs that are not hemmed, or running shorts with slits on the sides will be allowed.
5. Skirts or dresses must be no more than two inches above the knees. Skirts or dresses with slits in the sides, front or back must not be more than two inches above the knee.
6. Tights, leggings, or yoga pants may be worn under dresses, skirts, tops, or shorts that cover your bottom & front area completely at all times.
7. Students shall not wear sunglasses inside the school building.
8. The wearing of clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or suggestive words or pictures or symbols of violence or death shall be prohibited.
9. Students shall not wear anything on his/her head inside the school building (toboggans, bandannas, caps, scarves, hats, etc.).
10. Pants must be worn at the waistline, not sagging. They must not be so long as to come under the shoes causing a trip hazard. They must not have anything written across the seat. Garments must not have any holes above the knees.
11. Decorative contact lenses are not allowed unless prescribed by a doctor.
12. Garments, jewelry, or accessories that have chains, spikes or other potentially dangerous attachments are not allowed.