

## North Lamar ISD - Student Dress Code

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The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The district prohibits any clothing that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, negative, or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, violence, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF(L).

Students shall conform to the following rules:

1. Everyone must wear shoes or sandals (no houseshoes). Tennis shoes must be worn during physical education classes. Heelies, with or without wheels, are prohibited.
2. Sunglasses, hats, caps, or any type of head covering should not be worn in the building. (Exceptions made for special activities at the principal's discretion)
3. There will be no V-neck shirts worn unless there is an appropriate shirt worn underneath. No cleavage may be exposed and entire torso must be covered. Shirts and blouses shall be buttoned to the second button if a collar button is present. All shirts must have sleeves. Shirts that are tapered and made to be worn tucked-in must be tucked-in while shirts that are designed to be worn untucked will be allowed to be worn untucked. Untucked shirts shall not fall below the bottom of the back pockets or the seat of the pants. Pants shall fit properly so that the back pockets or the seat of the pants do not sag. To comply with this standard, cheerleaders and dance line members will only wear their uniforms during a performance during the school day and at school performances after school (Applies to grades 4-12).
4. Clothing with tears or holes is not permitted.
5. Trench coats are not permitted.
6. Sagging pants are not acceptable. Unhemmed pants are not allowed. Pants/shorts shall be full length or no shorter than just above the knee for both boys and girls in grades 4-12.
7. Skirts/dresses/gauchos shall fall no shorter than just above the knee (Applies to grades 4-12). For grades EE-3 skirts and dresses require shorts to be worn beneath them. The bodice of the dress shall meet the guidelines for shirts (Applies to grades 4-12). The following are not acceptable for regular school wear; slide shorts, bicycle shorts, wind shorts, p. e. shorts, cut off jeans (unhemmed). Boxer shorts, worn as external garments are unacceptable. Also, pajamas worn as external garments are unacceptable.
8. Hair should be neat and clean. It also should be groomed so as not to interfere with the student's vision. For boys hair may not exceed the bottom of a normal collar. Ponytails are not acceptable for boys. Beards and mustaches are to be trimmed and neat. For girls shaven heads are not acceptable. For both boys and girls, multi coloring or unnatural hair is unacceptable; tails, Mohawks (spiked or combed down), unacceptable words, symbols, and shapes are also unacceptable hairstyles. For boys, any shaven area on the top of the head that leaves a strip or patch of hair is unacceptable. For "high and tight" military style haircuts the shaven areas cannot extend on to the top of the head.
9. Ear jewelry is not allowed for boys. Girls may wear ear jewelry, however, spacers are not allowed for boys or girls. Visible body piercing is prohibited.
10. Chains, long belts, or any other items which could be considered a hazard are unacceptable.

11. There will be no skulls, cross bones or other undesirable symbols, as determined at the discretion of the principal, worn. If the principal determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school. On the first offense of the dress code, a student may call home for the proper apparel. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes unless approved by the principal. Approval to leave campus for changing of clothes will be given only in cases of necessity or emergency. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the steps outlined in the discipline management plan.

The principal in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.