

by a student. If a threat of suicide is reported, the principal or the principal's designee is authorized to inform the student's parent or guardian of the report unless at the discretion of the school principal or the principal's designee the apparent cause of the threat of suicide is child abuse or other significant harm from a parent or guardian.

(b) Upon receipt of the complaint, the principal or the principal's designee will determine if the complaint alleges a serious violation of this policy. If the principal or the principal's designee determines that the complaint alleges a serious violation, the principal or the principal's designee will undertake a reasonably prompt investigation of the complaint. The investigation will entail the gathering of relevant facts and evidence taking into account the circumstances of the complaint. If the investigation establishes a violation, appropriate disciplinary sanctions may be imposed on the offending student(s). Other measures that are reasonably calculated to prevent a recurrence of the violations(s) may also be imposed by the principal or the school system.

(c) Acts of reprisal or retaliation against any student who has reported a violation of this policy or sought relief provided by this policy are prohibited, and are themselves a violation of this policy. Any confirmed acts of reprisal or retaliation may be subject to disciplinary sanctions that may include any sanction, penalty, or consequence that is available to school officials under the Code of Student Conduct. A student who deliberately, recklessly, and falsely accuses another student of a violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary sanctions as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

Section 6: Promulgation of Policy and Related Procedures, Rules, and Forms

This policy and any procedures, rules and forms developed and approved to implement the policy will be published on the website of each local board of education and school, shall be available at each school office, and shall be included in the student handbook that is distributed to each student at the beginning of each school year.

7.18 DRESS CODE

- a. The Board has the responsibility to maintain an appropriate atmosphere conducive to learning.
- b. Therefore, the responsibility for appropriate dress and grooming rests with the parents/guardians.
- c. 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.
- d. Student dress and grooming shall be appropriate to the classroom.
- e. 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.
- f. *Students are encouraged to dress modestly and respectfully at all school-related events.*
- g. These minimum standards shall apply to all students in the Lauderdale County School System.
- h. (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.).