

# Lauderdale County Schools

## 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. These minimum standards shall apply to all students in the Lauderdale County School System (additional local school rules may apply):

1. Students must be neatly dressed; shoes or sandals worn
2. Students shall not wear midriff shirts, tube tops, spandex, mesh, fishnet garments, backless tops, strapless tops, tank tops, halter tops, or pajamas in **grades 4-12.**
3. Shorts shall be permitted in grades K-12; however, beginning in the **4th 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, cut-offs that are not hemmed, or garments with holes above the knee will be allowed.
4. Skirts or dresses must be at least one (1) inch below mid-thigh.
5. Students shall not wear sunglasses inside the school building.
6. **The wearing of clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or suggestive words or pictures or symbols of violence or death, shall be prohibited.**
7. Students shall not wear anything on their heads in the school building (bandannas, caps, hats, etc.), **except designated days approved by the principal.**
8. Pants or shorts with anything written across the seat will not be allowed.
9. Pants must be worn at waistline. **NO LOW-RIDE SAGGING PANTS.**
10. Body piercing will be limited to the ear area.
11. No heely skates (rollers on shoes) will be allowed in school.

**THE PRINCIPAL WILL BE THE JUDGE** as to whether or not such apparel is unacceptable.