

Lewis Center for Educational Research

**AR 5132: STUDENTS
 DRESS AND GROOMING**

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Research has shown that schools with an adopted uniform policy show improved academics and fewer behavioral violations. The purpose of a uniform dress code is to ensure student safety, assist students in wearing modest clothing, and protect the academic integrity of the school.

In keeping with our status as research-based laboratory schools, the school administrative teams and the School Site Councils have developed the following uniform dress code policy with feedback from staff, parents, and students.

The following dress code will be applied at LCER schools.

Lewis Center Dress Code

1. Clothing must be neat and clean. No garment may be worn that is cut-off, faded, ragged or torn. Clothing must have appropriate hems, exhibit no slits, tears, or holes.
2. Clothing or accessories that promote or depict obscenities, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, violence, gangs, hate or division are not permitted.
3. Crop tops, clothing exposing bare midriffs, tank tops, halter tops, plunging necklines, tube tops, spaghetti straps, open-sided shirts, skirts and shorts shorter than mid-thigh (finger-tip length), and see-through or mesh materials which expose bare skin are not permitted at school. Undergarments must be fully covered.
4. Safe footwear must be worn at all times. Sandals and clogs are not allowed in grades TK-5. Students in grades 6-12 may not wear sandals or clogs during PE/Athletic classes, or other classes that involve outdoor physical activity. Slippers and flip-flops are not permitted.
5. Hats or caps are to be worn in an acceptable manner, may not be worn in the classroom or inside school buildings, and must reflect uniform colors. The only sports caps permitted are those representing AAE or NSLA. Hoods (hoodies) that are attached to shirts/sweatshirts/jackets may not be worn in the classroom or inside school buildings.
6. Any apparel, accessories, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute denotes gang affiliation or promotes drug use, disruptive behavior, or violence is not permitted.
7. Sunglasses (unless prescription) may not be worn in classrooms or inside school buildings.
8. Jewelry or accessories which may be considered disruptive or a safety hazard are not permitted. Ear piercings and a single, small nose piercing is permitted. Gauges are not permitted.
9. Tattoos or drawings on the body may not be visible while on campus.
10. Hairstyles that are disruptive to the educational process are not permitted.
11. Meeting the requirements of the dress code does not prohibit a student from adhering to the tenets of an established religion or faith as they relate to dress and grooming.

12. Anything not specifically covered in the above code that is disruptive to the educational process or considered to pose a safety hazard will be at the discretion of the school administration or designee.

Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) Uniform Policy

AAE is a uniform school. Students must come in proper uniform daily, unless a Spirit Day is designated. The uniform dress code is mandatory whenever a student is on campus. All students must dress for school according to the established school uniform policy and LCER dress code. The school uniform may not be altered in any way and must be worn properly.

Students are expected to wear the following to school Monday - Thursday:

- Tops: Polo (short or long sleeves), button down, Oxford style shirts
 - Colors: white, navy, black and gray
- Bottoms: Pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers
 - Colors: khaki, navy, black
- Outerwear: Shall reflect the chosen uniform colors or approved AAE spirit wear and follow the LCER dress code. The only sports jackets permitted are those representing AAE school athletics. Trenchcoats are not permitted.
- All SFJROTC uniforms are considered AAE school uniforms
- Sweatpants, in the chosen school pant colors, are allowed in grades TK-5 only and during PE/Athletic classes in grades 6-12. T-shirts/sweatshirts in solid school uniform colors may be worn for P.E.

Friday Knightly Dress:

- Tops: AAE spirit wear, NASA, college and university, or U.S. military
- Bottoms: Uniform bottoms or blue jeans
- All Knightly Dress clothing must follow the LCER dress code policy
- Knightly Dress Day attire is considered appropriate for field trips, unless a teacher or administrator directs otherwise

*Any family who would like additional information or uniform assistance is encouraged to contact the school receptionist.

Norton Science and Language Academy (NSLA) Uniform Policy

NSLA is a uniform school. Students must come in proper uniform daily, unless a Spirit Day is designated. The uniform dress code is mandatory whenever a student is on campus. All students must dress for school according to the established school uniform policy and LCER dress code. The school uniform may not be altered in any way and must be worn properly.

Students are expected to wear the following to school Monday - Thursday:

- Tops: Polo (short or long sleeves) Colors: navy (elementary), light blue (middle school), black or white (high school)
- Bottoms: Pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers. Colors: khaki (elementary), navy (middle school), khaki or black (high school)

- Outerwear: Shall reflect the chosen uniform colors, gray, or approved NSLA spirit wear and follow the LCER dress code. The only sports jackets permitted at those representing NSLA school athletics. Trenchcoats are not permitted.
- Sweatpants or athletic shorts during PE/Athletic classes in grades 6-12. T-shirts/sweatshirts in solid school uniform colors may be worn for P.E.

Friday Rocket Dress:

- Tops: NSLA Spirit Wear, NASA, college and university, or U.S. military
- Bottoms: uniform bottoms or blue jeans
- All Friday Rocket Dress clothing must follow the LCER Dress Code policy
- Rocket Dress attire is considered appropriate for field trips, unless a teacher or administrator directs otherwise

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