

# Lago Vista ISD Standards of Attire

[See Policy FNCA(LOCAL).]

The Lago Vista ISD Dress Code is established to create a successful learning environment, model good citizenship, instill discipline, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. It is impractical to list every possibility of dress and grooming. As such, administrators have final authority concerning this dress code. Campus dress codes must meet and may exceed these standards, as determined by the campus administration.

Students may wear uniforms associated with approved campus extracurricular activities, as directed/approved by the principal or sponsor.

## Guiding Principles

Student dress is largely a matter of personal judgment and taste. Clothing should conform to reasonable standards of modesty, cleanliness, good taste, and safety. Student dress will be considered acceptable if it does not violate the following principles:

1. Articles of clothing must not cause a distraction nor be a health or safety hazard.
2. Student appearance must not interfere with the instructional program.
3. Modesty will prevail.
4. Hair style must be:
  - a. Clean and well groomed and out of the eyes.
  - b. Any desired length that does not interfere with safety.

## General

1. Clothing should be of the appropriate size.
  - a. Clothing must not be baggy or saggy, worn low on the body, nor drag on the ground.
  - b. Clothing must not be overly form fitting or tight. Form fitting garments, such as Spandex, are ONLY permitted when worn under an article of clothing that is dress code compliant.
2. Pictures, emblems or writings on student attire, jewelry, and/or tattoos must be appropriate for the school environment. No messages and/or graphics that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, libelous, or that denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
  - a. No messages and/or graphics that include depictions of or references to profanity, prohibited substances (e.g., alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc.), obscenity, sexual connotations, gangs, inappropriate language, inappropriate pictures, inappropriate gestures, death, and/or depictions of violent images.
3. See-through/sheer material is ONLY permitted when worn over an article of clothing that is dress code compliant.
4. Students will be expected to be in compliance with the dress code while standing or sitting.
5. Proper undergarments should be worn, but undergarments must not be visible. Garters and garter belts are considered undergarments.
6. No pajamas, sleepwear, or house slippers of any kind, except for designated days such as theme or character days approved by the campus administration.
7. Mustaches, beards, and sideburns must be well groomed. Grooming is at the discretion of the principal.

### **Bottoms (Dresses, Skirts, Shorts, and Pants)**

8. All bottoms must fit around the waist and be properly fastened.
9. Dresses, skirts, shorts, and other non-uniform clothing must be of sufficient length to allow for performing normal school functions without immodest exposure. Any garment, regardless of what it is called, must cover all skin above the middle of the thigh.
10. Spandex shorts, tights, and leggings are allowed ONLY with an outer garment that meets the middle of the thigh requirement.
11. No rips or holes that are excessive or placed above the middle of the thigh.

### **Shirts and Blouses**

12. Shirts must be buttoned properly.
13. Sleeveless shirts and modest tank tops that provide appropriate coverage are permitted.
  - a. No tank tops or dresses with “spaghetti straps” (thin shoulder straps over otherwise bare shoulders).
  - b. Sleeveless tops must fit appropriately under the arm. No “muscle shirts”.
14. No strapless, spaghetti-strap, backless, halter, one-shoulder, or off-the-shoulder tops.
15. No clothing that reveals bare midriffs and/or bare backs. Midriffs must be fully covered at all times (even when arms are raised).
16. No low cut necklines (which reveal cleavage or the chest area).

### **Accessories**

17. No hats, caps, and/or hoods may be worn inside during the academic school day, except for designated days such as theme or character days approved by the campus administration.
18. No bandannas, rags, gloves, kerchiefs, or gang-related decorative articles.
19. No hanging wallet chains, chain belts, handcuffs, sharp/heavy rings, or other metal spiked or metal-studded accessories.
20. No visible body piercings, with the exception of earrings.
21. No sunglasses may be worn in school buildings without specific recommendation from a doctor.
22. No shoes that mark the floor or “wheelies”.
23. No trench coats.

*Lago Vista ISD administration and faculty will use discretion in reporting and dealing with any clothing that may disrupt, interfere with, disturb or distract from school activities. The professional staff will interpret questions concerning this dress code. A grievance committee will hear grievances. School administration will seek DEIC input when recommending revisions to the dress code. Students wishing to recommend changes are to make their recommendation through the Student Council or CEIC.*