

Other Uniform Requirements

- Students are expected to be dressed according to the uniform standards at all times when school is in session.
- Principals may make exceptions to the uniform policy for special events, such as picture day, and may allow a different standard for athletic teams or other school clubs or activities.
- Clothing designed for school athletic events, e.g., cheerleader outfits, which does not meet the above guidelines, shall not be worn during the instructional day unless appropriate additional garments are worn with the outfit.
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- No spandex or other stretch material (except for hosiery) or leather materials (except belts/shoes) are allowed.
- Administrators reserve the right and will address any situation or dress code violation (items not covered) that may present a safety concern or is materially and substantively disruptive to the learning environment.

Enforcement*

Bolden Only

Student must use available items at school or call parent to bring appropriate items before returning to class.

- First Offense: Pink slip
- Second Offense: Pink slip, Principal notified
- Third Offense: Pink slip, Loss of "free dress" day
- Fourth Offense: Pink slip, Detention or ISS

*Primary School Exceptions

Elliott

- Primary school students will not be required to tuck in shirts.
- Primary school students will not be required to wear belts.
- Primary school students will be permitted to wear denim jeans. Jeans must be solid blue, with no holes, tears, cargo pockets, loops or ornamentation of any kind. Jeans must not be baggy or too tight. Low-rise jeans are not permitted. Jeans must be worn above the hips at the natural waistline. Skinny jeans are not permitted.
- Primary School principals will take age-appropriate steps to correct uniform violations, as responsibility for dressing primary students belongs to the parent.

Statement of Purpose

Laurel Bay Schools have determined that reasonable regulation of school attire can further important educational interests, including:

- Reducing distraction and loss of self-esteem caused by teasing or competition over clothing;
- Minimizing disruption from wearing inappropriate clothing or possessing inappropriate items at school;
- Providing an environment where students can focus more on learning;
- Enhancing school safety by making it harder to conceal weapons or contraband;
- Enhancing school safety by helping teachers and administrators identify individuals that are not enrolled in the school when they encounter them on school grounds;
- Enhancing school safety by prohibiting gang colors and paraphernalia;
- Reducing the cost of school clothing;
- Providing an educational environment where financial disparities between students, as reflected in clothing, are minimized;
- Creating a greater sense of community and school pride among the students;
- Instilling discipline in students;
- Helping students and parents to avoid peer pressure;
- Helping prepare students for future roles in the workplace; and
- Creating an atmosphere reflecting seriousness of purpose about education.

Grace Period

New students to the school will be given a two-week grace period from enrollment to obtain and wear the proper school uniforms.

Waiver Request

Reasonable consideration shall be made for those students who, because of a sincerely held religious belief or medical reason, request a waiver of a particular guideline for dress or appearance. The waiver request shall be in writing from the parent or guardian and approved by the principal and/or principal's designee on an annual basis. In considering a waiver request, the principal and/or principal's designee has the right to request additional documentation from medical officials and/or religious leaders.

School Uniform Policy 2020-2021

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Tops

Shirts and Sweaters

- Tops may be solid red, white or navy blue.
- Students must wear plain "Polo-style" shirts with a collar.
- Shirts may have school-approved logos.
- Shirts may not exceed one size larger or smaller than necessary and may not be too tight as determined by the school administrator.
- Shirts may not be sleeveless, and fabric must not be see-through.
- Solid red, white or navy T-shirts (long or short sleeves) may be worn under uniform shirts. Mock turtlenecks and turtlenecks are acceptable.
- Students may wear PLAIN sweaters over school uniforms in solid red, white, navy, black or gray ONLY. Zippered or button-front sweaters or sweatshirts are allowed. Appropriate military branch sweatshirts are also acceptable.

Bottoms

Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts, Jumpers, Capri-Length Pants

- Bottoms may be solid khaki or navy uniform-style items. Denim, spandex and other stretch materials will not be permitted.
- Jeans are not permitted. (Exceptions will be made for Primary Schools.)* Principals may make exceptions for special days, but jeans worn on those days must conform to the Primary School standard.
- Bottoms must be free of graphics and embroidery. With the exception of small labels, bottoms may not have insignia, words or pictures.
- Shorts (boys and girls), skirts, skorts, and jumpers shall be modest and of sufficient length. The length of these articles of clothing shall be no more than three (3) inches above or below the center of the knee (both front and back) when standing.
- Cargo, overalls, and painter pants are not permitted.
- Clothing may not exceed one size larger or smaller than necessary and may not be too tight as determined by a school administrator. Baggy or sagging pants or shorts are not permitted. "Low rise" clothing is not permitted. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn above the hips at the natural waistline. Skinny pants are not permitted.
- Pants may not drag on the ground and may not have cuts or tears in them.

- Belts must be appropriately sized and worn through the belt loops. Belt buckles must not be over-sized, computerized or have any writing that is considered offensive. Belts are optional; however, office provided rope belts are mandatory for sagging pants.

Outerwear

Coats, Jackets, Hats, Gloves, Fleece Pullovers

- Outerwear may not be worn inside the school building during the school day. Approved long-sleeved shirts and sweaters may be worn in the building and should be used when it is cool in the building.
- Outerwear may be worn outside at recess and during a class change if the student is exiting the building.
- Outerwear may be worn to school and placed in the student's locker. If a locker is not available, it may be hung in the classroom or other location designated by the principal and/or the principal's designee.
- The principal and/or the principal's designee may make an exception if the building/classroom is unusually cold.

Shoes

Footwear

- Footwear must be worn at all times, and, as needed, shoes shall conform to special requirements, e.g., P.E. classes.
- Shoes must be closed-toe. Shoes must not extend higher than the ankle. Heels must not exceed one (1) inches and must be closed heel or with a back strap.
- Laces or other fasteners on shoes or sneakers must be tied or properly fastened.
- Platform shoes, flip-flops, Crocs, slippers and heelies are not permitted.
- Administrators reserve the right to tell a student to put on a different pair of shoes if they find that the shoes worn by the student are unusually distracting to the learning environment through size, color and/or pattern, or create a safety hazard for the student or others in the school.

Other Clothing Items

Accessories

- Leggings may only be worn underneath an approved skirt, skort or jumper.

- Head coverings of any kind (unless for religious reasons), including but not limited to hats, caps, hoods, visors, kerchiefs, bandanas, scarves, athletic sweatbands, masks, earmuffs, curlers or sunglasses are not permitted. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in classrooms during regular school hours.
- Any adornment that could be perceived as, or used as, a weapon such as chains, spikes, etc. is not permitted.
- Gang-related clothing, accessories, symbols or intimidating items of dress, as identified by local law enforcement agencies, are not permitted.
- Students may not wear large pendants or medallions. Oversized jewelry or colorful beads are not permitted. School administration has the final say on determining whether a pendant or medallion is large or not.
- Lanyards for keys will be allowed, but must be worn inside the shirt.
- Tattoos (real or temporary) that are visible should be covered to the maximum extent possible.
- Students wearing excessive or distracting make-up, that is not age-appropriate, will be cautioned.

