

Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools Student Dress Code

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1. Camp Lejeune District Schools (CLDS) has enacted a dress code policy that prescribes a *standardized dress code* for all students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12. The purpose of the student dress code is to promote a safe, positive learning environment and to establish reasonable standards of health and decency in all of our schools. The CLDS Student Dress Code is consistent with Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Base Order 1020.8Y, dated 4 January 2012, Subject: "Uniform and Clothing Regulations." The school administrators and staff will determine if a student's attire or appearance conflicts with these rules and expectations.

2. This policy applies to all CLDS students during the regular school day, study/field trips, and when students represent the school. The policy will also be enforced on all school district property including school buses and other school vehicles. The principal may make reasonable accommodations to the policy based upon a student's documented religious beliefs and/or documented medical conditions. If a student enrolls in CLDS after the school year begins, he/she must be in compliance with this dress code policy *within two weeks* after enrolling.

a. All students shall be dressed in a manner appropriate for the school learning environment. The students' clothing shall be clean and have no rips, tears, or holes.

(1) Students' appearance, clothing, jewelry, book bags, and any other articles may not:

(a) depict or contain implied acts of or messages/images relating to weapons, knives, profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, violence, gore, sex, lewdness, gang affiliation, and/or other inappropriate language;

(b) contain messages/images related to and/or promote the use or abuse of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, and/or illegal substances;

(c) create a threat to or compromise the health or safety of the student or others; be associated with intimidation, bullying, racial/ethnic slurs or epithets, violent groups, and/or about any issue which students have been previously notified by school personnel; or

(d) disrupt the educational process, class or school environment, or school operations.

(2) Revealing or provocative apparel will not be worn. See-through and mesh-type tops may be worn only with standardized dress code apparel underneath.

(3) Excessively tight clothing (e.g. Spandex pants or tops, yoga-style pants or tops, leggings, pull-ups, jeggings, or pajama jeans), excessively baggy clothing, pajamas or other sleepwear, swimwear or undergarments may not be worn as outer garments. Solid color leggings, hose, and tights may be worn under other clothing; however, the outer garments must meet the CLDS student dress code requirements, including length.

b. Students may wear **any solid color**, collared, long- or short- sleeve, polo or button-down or snap front shirts or blouses. All clothing will be worn in a manner that does not reveal underwear or cleavage. Also, except for the student's arms, no bare skin will be visible between the top of the shoulder area and the line on the legs that is 3 inches above the top of the knee cap. The shirts and blouses shall have no stripes or piping and no writing other than what is prescribed in this policy.

(1) The polo shirts and blouses may have the CLDS school name, student's initials, and/or shirt/blouse brand (e.g., Nike or Izod, on the front, upper left side of the shirt (chest area). Also, if approved by the principal, the current members of a CLDS school sports team, band, or club may include their team or club name with their school name on the upper left side of the shirt (chest area).

(2) The school, group, designer names and student's initials together will not exceed the size of a dollar bill.

c. Students may wear **any solid color**, pullover or zipper-front hooded sweatshirt (hoodie), pullover sweatshirt, or pullover button- or zipper-front sweater as an outer garment. The hoodie and sweatshirt may have on the front the name or initials of any CLDS school, college or university, United States military service, or designer brand (e.g., Nike or Izod). No writing is allowed on the front, back, or sleeves of the hoodies, sweatshirts, or sweaters other than what is specified in this policy. The color of the hoodies, sweatshirts, and sweaters will be solid, and these garments will have no stripes or piping. If a student removes his/her hoodie, sweatshirt, or sweater, he/she must wear a dress code shirt or blouse prescribed in paragraph 2b above.

d. Students will wear the dress code bottoms specified below. The color of all dress code bottoms will be solid. The dress code bottoms will have no stripes, piping, or writing.

(1) Long or short Khaki, black, navy blue or denim trousers, pants, slacks, skorts, skirts, capris, and blue or black jeans or shorts may be worn. These garments must be worn at waist level and must have hemmed seams (no frayed seams). Also, skirts, skorts, and shorts will be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap. Except for PE classes, sweatpants and other exercise apparel, including "runners' pants", will not be worn as outer garments.

(2) **Any solid color** or solid denim collared dresses may be worn. These garments must have hemmed seams (no frayed seams) and will be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap.

e. Students who are enrolled in CLDS programs that have specific attire requirements will comply with these program requirements as directed by the instructor and approved by the principal. Some examples of these programs are the Lejeune High School (LHS) Career Practicum Program, Culinary Arts Class, Marine Corps Junior ROTC and LHS Band.

f. School principals may designate spirit wear days and special events during which students may wear clothing that is otherwise prohibited. Students who do not wear the attire approved for such activities will wear the standardized dress code attire.

g. Physical Education Classes: Middle school and high school students will wear light-colored T-shirts or polo shirts, dark bottoms and sneakers consistent with this policy. Elementary school students will not change clothes for PE classes but they must wear sneakers.

3. Additional clarifications and restrictions are provided in subparagraphs 3a through 3e below:
 - a. Sunglasses or headgear will not be worn inside the school building. This includes, but is not limited to, hats, caps, hoods, headphones, sweatbands, bandanas and/or scarves worn on the head. Students will not wear scarves that cover all or part of the head. Small scarves may be used to tie ponytails. Elastic circular headbands and U-shape plastic headbands may be worn; however, these headbands will not be worn around the forehead and they will have no decorations or other items extending from them.
 - b. Chains attached to wallets or trousers/pants are not permitted.
 - c. Excessively long jewelry chains, large pendants or medallions, oversized jewelry or gang-related beads are not permitted. Jewelry and other items with spikes or sharp edges may not be worn. For safety, jewelry and visible body piercing items must be removed in PE class.
 - d. Accessories (e.g., scarves worn around the neck, neckties, and belts) may be worn if consistent with this policy.
 - e. Safe footwear shall be worn at all times. Closed-toe shoes will be worn during science labs. House slippers, “shower shoes”, shoes with wheels, or “heelies” are not permitted.
4. If an item worn by or in the possession of a student presents a safety concern, the principal may direct that it be removed and not be worn or brought to school property or at school events.
5. Cold weather and rain outerwear (i.e., jackets, heavy coats, or raincoats) may be worn to and from school, but such outerwear may not be worn indoors during the day. The students will secure their outerwear in their lockers. If lockers are not available for students, outerwear may be hung in the classroom in an area designated by the teacher, as approved by the principal. If the school or classroom is unusually cold, the principal or designee may allow the wearing of outerwear in the building. Students may wear outerwear as they exit the school for the day.
6. If a student's dress or appearance violates this dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem and the student’s parent(s) will be notified of the violation. The principal or designee may offer an acceptable article of clothing to the student. Unless the violation is extreme, the student will be promptly returned to his/her class afterward. In elementary grades, the teacher or another staff member would call the parent. Consequences for the second and subsequent violations could include after-school detention and more serious action.
7. A Quick Reference Guide, which shows some examples of appropriate and inappropriate items, is available on the district and schools’ homepages.
8. The principal or his/her designee will make the final determination regarding the student's attire or appearance. This includes resolving all issues of interpretation or application of the CLDS student dress code policy.

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