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Inappropriate Dress for School

As parents consider purchasing clothes for students prior to sending them back to school, we wanted to make sure you were aware of Lee's Summit High School's expectations regarding student dress. These expectations will be enforced starting on the first day of school.

The issue: The R-7 dress code speaks to several items that may not be worn at school. The dress code is fully explained on page 34 of the LSHS Student Planner (available on line at lshs.lsr7.org - click on *Student Life* tab, then *Handbook Student*). Students have continued to push the dress code envelope in four specific ways: 1. shorts and skirts that are too short, 2. shirts/tops that are too low cut at the neckline or too short in the hemline, 3. tops that are backless or close to backless, and 4. pants that are sagging far below the waist line. While we will never attempt to embarrass a student regarding his/her choice of clothing, we do fully intend to meet the R7 Board of Education's expectation to enforce a reasonable dress code for school.

The remedy: To assist our students, families, and our faculty, Site-Based Team has developed some guidelines by which we could educate each group and help faculty members with enforcement.

Regarding shorts/skirts that are too short: The fingertip rule will be used. Hang your arms down to your side. If your pair of shorts or skirt does not clearly hang below your fingertips, then it is too short and not acceptable for wear at school.

Regarding shirts/tops that are too low cut: Tops that reveal cleavage or the stomach area are not appropriate for school. The shirt should cover the entire mid-section even when arms are raised. In addition, tops that utilize straps, versus full cloth across the shoulders, must have at least two inch straps, along with meeting the first expectation of not revealing cleavage or stomach area.

Regarding tops that are backless or close to backless: Backless tops, racer tops, or other tops that simply reveal too much of the back are not appropriate for school.

Regarding sagging pants: The waistline is the standard. No matter how the pants/jeans/shorts are designed, the expectation is that they be worn at waist level. Repeatedly pulling up the pants will not suffice for wearing them at waist level. If necessary, students should employ a belt to ensure that the pants are worn at waist level.

Students will be given one warning regarding dress code violations. A second dress code violation will result in progressive consequences beginning with a one-hour detention.

Students and parents must read and understand this document, the dress code, and the level of enforcement that will take place.

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