

Dress Code Regulations – Lansing Middle School

(Also found on p. 10 and p. 11 of the LMS student handbook and at <http://lms.usd469.net/index.php/parent-info/lms-handbook>)

Students will not be permitted to remain in class or at school sponsored functions in attire that draws such attention to themselves that it disrupts general decorum, interferes with the intended function of the school or school activity, or creates potential health or safety hazards. Neatness and cleanliness of personal attire and hygiene is required at all times.

Parents/guardians are expected to illustrate concern, provide guidance and have knowledge of what their child is wearing.

Below are guidelines for students to help them avoid attire, which interferes with the learning environment. *Examples include but are not limited to the following:*

- Clothing that is revealing or is suggestive may not be worn.
- Tube tops, halter tops, and crop tops that show the midriff may not be worn. Tank tops may not be worn.
- Leggings, yoga pants, and compression shorts are considered acceptable attire if they are worn with a top that is not more than 6" from above the middle of the knee cap or the top is no higher than the bottom of the student's finger tips.
- Sagging pants are not considered appropriate school wear. Pants must be worn at the waist at all times.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses – length must be no more than 6" from the middle of the knee cap or no higher than the bottom of the student's finger tips. This rule will also apply to any holes in jeans or shorts.
- Chains will **not** be worn in the building.
- Headgear may not be worn in the building. Hats, caps and hair rollers will not be permitted. Hair color that draws undue attention to the student will not be permitted. Sunglasses and dark glasses, unless prescription, are considered inappropriate attire.
- Other inappropriate school attire includes: gloves, pajamas, boxer shorts not worn as intended, slippers, and clothing with vulgar, profane, and ethnically derogatory messages. This includes messages, pictures, symbols or depictions of gangs, Satanism, illegal substances or alcoholic beverages.

Building administrators or their designees will make individual evaluations to determine if other similar items are likely to be disruptive or create a potential health or safety problem in a particular instance. Exceptions may be made in the case of appropriate team uniforms, special school events and other specific principal designated activities. Teachers are expected to refer students who are in violation of the dress code to the office.

Dress Code Discipline Procedure – LMS

--On the first day of school, students will be given the school guidelines for the dress code. They will be told that the dress code is in effect at the beginning of the second day of school.

If a student wears clothing that does not meet the school dress code, the following steps will be taken:

1st Offense

- a) The student will be given different clothing to wear by the school. The student will also be allowed to call his/her parent. If the parent chooses to bring in alternative clothing for their student, they may do so. If this happens, the student will be called down to the office to change into these clothes once they arrive.
- b) The inappropriate clothing worn by the student will be given to the school staff.
- c) The student will get his/her clothing back once they return the clothing issued by the school.

2nd offense

- a) The student will be given different clothing to wear. If it is a shirt violation, the student will be given a T-shirt. If shorts or pants are the problem, the student will be given sweat pants to wear.
- b) The inappropriate clothing worn by the student will be given to the school staff.
- c) The student will get his/her clothing back once they return the clothing issued by the school.

3rd offense or more

- a) The student is considered to be defiant. As a result, the student will be suspended (out of school) for the rest of the school day.
- b) The student will be allowed to return the next day if his/her clothing is deemed appropriate.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Lansing Middle School strives to provide the best education for its students. Students may bring cell phones, mp3 players, gaming devices, and other electronics to school. However, these devices can be distracting and disruptive to the learning of the students in the classroom. In order to provide a productive learning environment, students are prohibited from using cell phones during the school day. Students may carry cell phones or keep them in their book bags but they should not create a disruption during class or in the hallway. Students may use cell phones before school and during lunch, with permission from the lunchroom supervisor. The school is not responsible for loss or damage to cell phones.

(p. 16 of the LMS student handbook)

Other information regarding cell phones – If there is an important message, we urge parents to contact the LMS office at (913) 727-1197. We can then relay this message to the student. Each classroom has a telephone.

On the first day of school, administration and teachers will talk to students about cell phone expectations. We hope students will learn how to use cell phones responsibly. One of the things we stress to students is that the cell phone cannot be a disruption to the classroom environment and overall order of the school day. As listed above, there are times at school when students are allowed to use their cell phone – before school and possibly at lunch. If the cell phone causes a disruption during class or other parts of the school day, a discipline consequence will occur. Those consequences are as follows –

1st Offense – 30 minute after-school detention

2nd Offense – 60 minute after-school detention

3rd Offense – 60 minute after-school detention and the student will be required to check the cell phone into the office at the beginning of the day and pick it up at the end of the day.

****The offenses are cumulative throughout the entire school year. More stringent consequences may occur for larger infractions such as cyberbullying and other offenses.****