

## LANSING HIGH SCHOOL

Proper attire and grooming are necessary to have the most effective learning environment. Students will not be permitted to remain in class or at school sponsored functions in attire which draws such attention to themselves so 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.

1. The following clothing items are not considered suitable school wear and may not be worn: tube tops, camisoles, halter tops, midriffs, see through fabric, pajamas, and boxer shorts. Pants must be worn at the waist at all times. Appropriate length for shorts, skirts, and dresses will be determined by building principals (a mid-thigh length will be used as a general guideline).
2. Chains will not be worn in the building.
3. Items covering the head may not be worn in the building, though special permission may be granted on a case by case basis. This may include hats, caps, hoods, bandanas, or similar items. Sunglasses and dark glasses, unless prescription, are considered inappropriate attire.
4. Other inappropriate school attire includes clothing with vulgar, profane, and derogatory messages. This includes messages, pictures, symbols or depictions of gangs, illegal substances, or alcoholic beverages.
5. Tears, holes, or openings in pants may be worn as long as no skin or undergarments can be seen through those holes mid-thigh or higher.
6. Leggings may be worn as long as a covering garment is worn that extends to mid-thigh.
7. All garments for both male and female must have shoulder straps at least two inches wide. Shirts that are low cut or have large sleeve openings are not suitable.
8. Body and facial piercings should meet practical safety guidelines and not inhibit students safely participating in normal activities including physical education courses. This will be determined by school personnel.

**Building administrators or their designees will make final 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, spirit days, and other specific principal designated activities. Teachers are expected to refer students who are in violation of the dress code to the office.