

LA RESOLANA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

DRESS CODE POLICY - GRADES 6, 7 AND 8

PURPOSE

AT LA RESOLANA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS THAT ALL STUDENTS WILL COME TO SCHOOL CLEAN, WELL-GROOMED AND DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR SCHOOL. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE IN A POSITIVE MANNER TO A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. STUDENTS WILL BE RESPECTFULLY DRESSED AND FOCUSED ON LEARNING AT ALL TIMES. IF A MEMBER OF THE STAFF MAKES THE DETERMINATION THAT A STUDENT'S CLOTHING, ACCESORIES, MAKE-UP, ETC. IS A DISRUPTION TO THE TEACHING AND LEARNING PROCESS, THE STUDENT WILL BE DIRECTED TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES. CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO INCLUDE WEARING A SCHOOL UNIFORM.

- **THE FOLLOWING ATTIRE IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:** Any attire or accessories which advertises, displays or promotes any drug, gang affiliation, alcohol, tobacco, sexual activity, violence, disrespect and/or bigotry toward any group will not be allowed. Unacceptable clothing and accessories also include but are not limited to excessively tight or revealing clothes, exposure of cleavage, see through or sheer clothing, short shorts or skirts, bare midriffs, low cut blouses, off the shoulder blouses, spaghetti straps, sagging or baggy pants, tank tops, extra large shirts, hanging belts, pajamas (tops & bottoms), bedroom slippers, bandanas, spiked jewelry, chains, trench coats and steel-toed boots.
- Students not dressed appropriately for school will be directed to change into clothing provided by the school. Students may pick up their clothing at the end of the day. If a student continually comes to school dressed inappropriately, they will then be required to wear school uniforms. Inappropriate dress for school is a disruption to the educational process and is a suspendible offense that will be dealt with accordingly.
- The "fingertip" method will be used to determine whether a student's shorts/skirt length needs to be assessed. We will ask the student to stand, shoulders relaxed and hold their arms at their sides to determine if the length is appropriate. Shorts, skorts and skirts can be no shorter than the end of the student's longest fingertip.
- The length of shirts needs to be long enough so that when students raise their hands over their heads, NO skin is showing. Shoulder straps on shirts must be at least two inches wide. No spaghetti straps or tank tops (boys or girls) will be allowed. No extra large shirts of any type will be allowed. Shirts should be appropriately sized to fit well.
- Clothing which appears to look like pajamas including footwear that looks like house shoes or bedroom slippers are not allowed.
- Sagging or wearing of shorts or pants below the waist and/or in a manner which allows underwear, under clothing or bare skin to show or is excessively baggy as well as long pants with a low-hanging crotch will not be allowed at any time. Pants must be fitted to the waist. Pants, skirts, skorts and shorts must be neatly hemmed – no fraying over one inch long will be permitted. Belts hanging with more than two inches are not allowed at any time.
- While holes in clothing are discouraged, students who do wear clothing with holes need to avoid showing skin through the holes. Holes are limited to beyond a student's fingertip when a student's arms are held and relaxed at their sides.
- Hats, caps or head coverings of any kind are not to be worn in the building except when there is a specific instructional, safety, medical or religious reason to do so. Any piece of clothing or accessories that can be considered a safety hazard may also be deemed unacceptable. Safety pins used as a design statement are not permitted. All headwear must be placed in a student locker or backpack during the day.

- Students must wear shoes appropriate for all school activities. No high-heeled shoes, sandals or flip-flops which prevent students from participating in any school day activities will be allowed. Students will **not be excused** from participating in school activities, i.e. P.E. or walking field trips due to inappropriate footwear.
- Excessive facial or ear-piercing will not be allowed for safety reasons. Jewelry, adornments and/or accessories such as chains and spikes that could be potentially dangerous are prohibited at all times including school functions. Earrings should not be larger or longer than one and one half inches in diameter for either girls or boys. Reasonable jewelry is acceptable.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building with the exception of a written note from a licensed optometrist that states sunglasses are a medical necessity.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL LRLA STAFF WILL GIVE A STUDENT A VERBAL WARNING IF THEY ARE FOUND TO BE OUT OF THE SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE. FOLLOWING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL, CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED.

WE EXPECT PARENTS TO SUPPORT OUR DRESS CODE POLICY AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT WHILE WE WILL ENFORCE THE DRESS CODE, OCCASIONALLY STUDENTS MAY SLIP THROUGH OUR VIGILANCE AND WEAR SOMETHING WHICH IS LATER IDENTIFIED AS INAPPROPRIATE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION AS WE WORK WITH ALL STUDENTS TO CLARIFY SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO KEEP THE FOCUS AND ATTENTION ON ACADEMICS RATHER THAN ON CLOTHING.

AGAIN, PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS BY CHECKING WHAT YOUR STUDENT IS WEARING TO SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS **BEFORE THEY LEAVE HOME. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING US TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS.**



**STUDENT & PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECEIPT
OF LRLA DRESS CODE POLICY**

PLEASE SIGN BELOW THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE DRESS CODE POLICY AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES SUPPORT THE DRESS CODE POLICY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF AT LA RESOLANA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNED FORM BELOW TO THE FRONT OFFICE.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

GRADE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE