

# **2016 – 2017 La Porte Independent School District**

## **Elementary Dress Code**

The La Porte ISD Elementary Dress Code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

### ❖ Clothing Basics:

- Appropriate fit (No baggy clothing)
- Shirts must be tucked in
- The following are prohibited on clothing:
  - Lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene signs or gestures
  - Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, weapons, violence, satanic symbols, skulls, crossbones, blood, or death
  - Evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang, unauthorized club or organization

### ❖ Slacks/Jeans/Pants/Shorts:

- Any color (designs included) that does not violate the clothing basics
- Appropriately sized and worn at the natural waistline
- No holes, tears, or rips in pants, including those purchased with fashion tears
- Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer

### ❖ Dresses/Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts:

- Any color (designs included)
- Must be mid-thigh length or longer
- Dresses
  - Collars not required
  - No strapless, backless, or spaghetti straps
  - Shoulder straps must be shoulder width

#### ❖ Shirts:

- Any color or pattern that does not violate clothing basics
- Low cut, sheer or revealing tops are not permitted
- Shirts must not expose undergarments or bare the midriff
- A designated school spirit T-shirt or a 100<sup>th</sup> Year La Porte ISD Anniversary T-shirt may be worn on any day of the week
- T-shirts, collared shirts, or shirts without collars may be worn any day of the week (No pictures, graphics, words, symbols, letters, or numbers will be allowed on the front or back of shirts. T-shirts with pictures, graphics, words, symbols, letters, or numbers may not be worn over collared shirts. Shoulder logos or emblems must be less than 3 inches.)

#### ❖ Shoes:

- Any color
- Closed toe and heel (no sandals, flip-flops, or clogs, cleats or skate shoes)
- Rubber soles

#### ❖ Socks/Hosiery:

- Worn at all times
- Leggings/tights/yoga pants must be worn as hosiery under skirts, tunics, dresses (mid-thigh or longer)

#### ❖ Sweaters/Jackets/Vests/Hoodies/Sweatshirts:

- Any color or design that does not violate clothing basics

#### ❖ Hair:

- Clean, neatly groomed, natural coloration, and non-distracting such as Mohawks or designs cut into the hair

#### ❖ Accessories:

- No chains
- No sunglasses, hats, bandanas, gloves or head/hand coverings indoors
- Pierced jewelry worn only in the ear

- Tattoos and other drawings on the skin must be covered

❖ Other:

- No make-up

***Any form of dress or appearance determined by the principal to be disruptive to the learning environment will be prohibited.***

❖ Violation Actions

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense- Clothing replacement with notice home
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense- Clothing replacement with notice home and lunch detention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense- Clothing replacement with notice home, lunch detention and parent conference

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.