

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

The uniform dress code of Lindenwold Public Schools is being implemented primarily as a way to improve the school learning environment. It is intended to provide an equal clothing status to all children and allow students to focus on the educational process rather than a fashion statement. It is also intended to provide a sense of unity and belonging to students who attend our schools. Students will be required to dress in a manner that reflects good taste, modesty and appropriateness for an educational learning environment. The following dress code policies and procedures were developed by a committee including representation of students, parent, teachers, administration and Board members.

Dress Code Implementation

As mentioned above, our goal is to provide our students with an environment that allows students to focus on academic issues instead of other issues. It also will provide our students with a sense of unity and belonging, for those reasons the uniform implementation procedure will be as follows:

- The implementation of the uniform policy will be as of the first day of school and will affect all of the schools in the Lindenwold School District at all grade levels.
- Students that are new to the district will be expected to comply upon beginning their first day of school in the Lindenwold School District.
- As students enroll, a list of suggested stores and resources will be given to the parents with ideas as to where clothes can be purchased that will fall under the approved uniform dress code. Parents will not be required to purchase the uniforms from those vendors, but will have the option to do so.

The uniform dress code for students in Pre-Kindergarten to grade four will be:

Pants/skirts

- Tan/khaki or navy standard "uniform" pants.
- Tan/khaki or navy skirts/skortis and jumpers.
- Tan/khaki or navy shorts may be worn.
- No denim will be permitted.
- All pants/skirts/shorts must be worn with the waistband at the waist. No drooping pants. Shorts, skirts, skortis and jumpers are to be fingertip length.



Shirts/blouses

- Solid color/navy blue, pale blue, gold, pale yellow, or white.
- Golf-style shirts only i.e. polo style.
- No chest emblem.
- Long sleeve or short sleeve.
- No denim.
- Shirts bearing the school logo, approved by the school, may be worn.
- Long sleeve same color solid turtlenecks/t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirt.

Sweaters/vests/sweatshirts

- Solid color/navy blue, pale blue, gold, pale yellow, or white.
- Crew or V-neck.
- Cardigan.
- Zippered/crew neck sweatshirts in above colors may be worn over but not instead of a regular shirt (no hoodies are permitted).

Accessories

- Jewelry and watches are permitted. Over-sized chains or excessive jewelry are not permitted. Chains worn at the waist are not permitted.

Footwear

- Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times, such as shoes, sneakers, etc. All foot wear must be secured to the student's feet. (Flip-flops, slides, or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.)



Other

- Hats, sweatbands, bandannas, head covers or picks are not to be worn in the building. The only exceptions are for medical or religious reasons. Both exceptions require official documentation.
- Sunglasses or glasses with dark lenses may not be worn in the building without a doctor's note.
- Outdoor garments, coats, jackets, windbreakers, warm-up jackets, hats, and gloves may not be worn in the building after the homeroom bell rings. Students are expected to keep these in their classrooms for colder days.

The uniform dress code for students in grade five to grade eight will be:

Pants/skirts

- Tan/khaki or navy standard "uniform" pants.
- Tan/khaki or navy skirts/skorts and jumpers.
- Tan/khaki or navy shorts may be worn.
- No denim will be permitted.
- All pants/skirts/shorts must be worn with the waistband at the waist. No drooping pants. Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers are to be fingertip length.

Shirts/blouses

- Solid color/navy blue, pale blue, gold, pale yellow, or white.
- Golf-style shirts only i.e. polo style.
- No chest emblem.
- Long sleeve or short sleeve.
- No denim.
- Shirts bearing the school logo, approved by the school, may be worn.
- Long sleeve same color solid turtlenecks/t-shirts may be worn under short sleeve uniform shirts.



Sweaters/vests/sweatshirts

- Solid color/navy blue, pale blue, gold, pale yellow, or white.
- Crew or V-neck.
- Cardigan.
- Zippered/crew neck sweatshirts in above colors may be worn over but not instead of a regular shirt (no hoodies are permitted).

Accessories

- Jewelry and watches are permitted. Over-sized chains or excessive jewelry are not permitted. Chains worn at the waist are not permitted.

Footwear

- Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times, such as shoes, sneakers, etc. All foot wear must be secured to the student's feet. (Flip-flops, slides, or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.)

Other

- Hats, sweatbands, bandannas, head covers or picks are not to be worn in the building. The only exceptions are for medical or religious reasons. Both exceptions require official documentation.
- Sunglasses or glasses with dark lenses may not be worn in the building without a doctor's note.
- Outdoor garments, coats, jackets, windbreakers, warm-up jackets, hats, and gloves may not be worn in the building after the homeroom bell rings. Students are encouraged to keep these in their lockers for colder days. Exceptions: school approved Lindenwold sports teams and school logo light-weight jackets may be worn (no hoodies).



The uniform dress code for students in grade nine to grade twelve will be:

Pants/skirts

- Tan/khaki or navy standard "uniform" pants.
- Tan/khaki or navy skirts/skorts and jumpers.
- Tan/khaki or navy shorts may be worn.
- No denim will be permitted.
- All pants/skirts/shorts must be worn with the waistband at the waist. No drooping pants. Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers are to be fingertip length.

Shirts/blouses

- Solid color/navy blue, pale blue, gold, pale yellow, or white.
- Golf-style shirts only i.e. polo style.
- No chest emblem.
- Long sleeve or short sleeve.
- No denim.
- Shirts bearing the school logo, approved by the school, may be worn.
- Long sleeve same color solid turtlenecks/t-shirts may be worn under short sleeve uniform shirts.

Sweaters/vests/sweatshirts

- Solid color/navy blue, pale blue, gold, pale yellow, or white crew or V-neck cardigan.
- Zippered/crew neck sweatshirts in above colors may be worn over but not instead of a regular shirt (no hoodies are permitted).



Accessories

- Jewelry and watches are permitted. Over-sized chains or excessive jewelry are not permitted. Chains worn at the waist are not permitted.

Footwear

- Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times, such as shoes, sneakers, etc. All foot wear must be secured to the student's feet. (Flip-flops, slides, or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.)

Other

- Hats, sweatbands, bandannas, head covers or picks are not to be worn in the building.
- The only exceptions are for medical or religious reasons. Both exceptions require official documentation.
- Sunglasses or glasses with dark lenses may not be worn in the building without a doctor's note.
- Outdoor garments, coats, jackets, windbreakers, warm-up jackets, hats, and gloves may not be worn in the building after the homeroom bell rings. Students are encouraged to keep these in their lockers for colder days. Exceptions: school approved Lindenwold sports teams and school logo light-weight jackets may be worn (no hoodies).

All clothes must be worn properly at all times.

The Uniform Dress Code for Physical Education (PE)

Students will follow this procedure for physical education days and classes.

Elementary School

- Elementary school students will be asked to wear sneakers with their uniforms on their PE days. They will not change out of their uniform.



Middle School and High School

- High School and Middle School students will be asked to change into appropriate gym attire listed below for their Physical Education classes.
- Plain Navy Blue or Yellow T-shirt.
- Solid Navy Blue or Yellow athletic shorts (must be 2 inches from knee cap).
- Navy sweat pants and sweatshirts may be worn over the uniform if students are going outside (no hooded sweatshirts).
- Sneakers (athletic style with laces) and socks (no platform type shoes, boots, sandals, or flip-flops).
- No jewelry may be worn. Gauges must be secured.
- School issued sports or club clothing may not be used.

Dress Code Violations

The building administrators will make final determination if the students' attire meets the approved dress code policy. Students choosing not to wear the approved dress code attire will be disciplined as indicated in each school's Code of Conduct. Students will always be given the opportunity to change into an appropriate outfit if at all possible before any discipline action is taken. When a student does not comply and has been given the opportunity to change the clothes, then having an alternate placement for them is necessary. However, our goal as a district is to always to use exclusion from school activities and classroom experiences as a last resort.

Donations

All schools will accept donations of uniform clothes in order to create a bank of acceptable clothes that may be worn to school. Parents can drop off these uniforms to any of our schools.

Annual Evaluation

An evaluation of the uniform school dress code will be reviewed annually with the Building Principal and the Board of Education.

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