



Regional Safe School Program of Lake County

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Student Dress Code / Appearance

In compliance with the Illinois School Code Section 10-22.25b, the Regional Safe School Program implemented this dress code after extensive research regarding dress codes and surveys conducted at parent/student/teacher conferences. Students attending school appropriately attired without distractions are better prepared for success at school. To promote a more effective learning environment, maintain the orderly process, eliminate or reduce gang activity, foster school unity and pride, foster self-esteem, improve student performance, and to ensure that a student's dress is neither disruptive to the educational process nor a threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of self or others, the following standards are in effect and must be complied with by all students and enforced at the discretion of the Program:

1. **Clothing in General:** All clothing must be worn in the manner and for the purpose it is designed. Clothes may not contain holes and must be clean and neat. Undergarments must not be visible. All of the uniform must be able to pass undetected through the metal detector. Students are not allowed to use any part of the school uniform to show gang affiliation or drug references (including but not limited to colors, logos, and/or designs). All clothing must be free of lewd, vulgar, or inappropriate designs, images, and/or references.
2. **Masks:** Masks must be plain in color, disposable or made of cloth without exhalation valves. Students must the mask over their nose and mouth and secure it under their chin. No other types of face covering such as bandanas, scarves, or gaiter sleeves.
3. **Shirt or Top:** Solid color shirt with sleeves. When not worn tucked in, the shirt must cover the waistline for a modest fit.
4. **Pants:** Solid color pants or plain jeans. Pants must be worn around the natural waistline with a natural length and a modest fit. Pants must contain a sewn hem, no tears or holes, nor any decorative accents.
5. **Shoes:** Gym Shoes/ athletic shoes. Shoes will be worn in the manner in which they were intended: all laces laced and tied, all Velcro straps fastened, etc. Shoes with gang-related symbols or designs, boots, and steel toed footwear are not allowed.
6. **Hats, Scarves, & Gloves:** May be worn outdoors only and must be placed inside your coat/jacket in the designated area. These items may not represent any gang affiliation or inappropriate content.
7. **Coats & Jackets:** Coats and jackets must be checked upon arrival at the building and stored during the school day, unless participating in an outside event.
8. **Hair:** Hair must be appropriately cut and groomed in a presentable fashion. Bobby pins, barrettes, metal hair ornaments, scarves, and do-rags may not be worn.
9. **Nails:** Short nails are necessary for safety and health reasons. Nails must be appropriately groomed/cut. All nails must be the same length and cut short enough to avoid clicking on the computer keyboard.
10. **Tattoos:** Tattoos must be covered at all times.

11. **Makeup:** Makeup is allowed to be worn in moderation and must not bring undue attention to the individual or must not disrupt the educational environment. Excessive/distracting makeup will be considered a dress code violation. Makeup, other than lip balm in a plastic applicator, is not allowed to be brought to school.
12. **Additional Supplies:** Students may bring an additional clean white shirt or top to change into after physical education class so long as it meets the above requirements. Students may keep a stick of deodorant or antiperspirant (in a plastic container) for use after physical education class. Other required personal hygiene products may be carried to school in a brown paper bag with the student's name on the outside of the bag.
13. **Items not allowed:** Belts; pajama pants; sunglasses; headgear; chains, pins, or jewelry of any kind; heavy keychains; cell phones, electronic devices, backpacks, purses, brushes or combs, and gum.
14. **Money:** Students are not allowed to carry any cash sum larger than \$6.00, with the exceptions of field trip days or to purchase school supplies.

The clothing items required by the Regional Safe School Program dress code can be found at most department stores such as: Kohl's, Target, Walmart, Old Navy, etc. Any parent/guardian who objects to this dress code for religious reasons or has difficulty financially with compliance, may schedule an appointment with the principal to discuss any objections or difficulties and possibly obtain assistance.

After the first week of attendance, any student in violation of the above dress standards will be subject to discipline measures. Students entering or transferring into the program after the start of the school year are allowed one week to comply with these standards. Continued neglect of the dress code may warrant student dismissal.