

LAND O' LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

2017 – 2018 STUDENT DRESS CODE & ELECTRONICS POLICY

In order to promote an orderly learning environment in our schools while preparing all students for later success in the world of work, the District School Board of Pasco County has established the following guidelines for student dress:

- Students shall wear modest clothing of such style and design as shall be consistent with community standards as determined by the school principal or designee. Refer to specific guidelines distributed by the school. Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikini and tank tops, and spandex clothing (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreation activities), are not appropriate wearing apparel for school or school functions.
- Students may not wear leggings, yoga pants, tights or similar clothing unless they are covered by a shirt or skirt that is no more than 4" above the knee.
- Students may wear shorts and skirts as long as they are no more than 4" above the knee.
- Blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit. Muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted. Spaghetti straps and strapless tops are not acceptable. Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- Students shall keep their clothes, bodies, and hair clean and well groomed.
- Students shall not wear hats or head coverings on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities as determined by the principal or designee.
- Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable.
- Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body, clothing, accessories or student vehicle which contain profanity in any form, violent images, are considered vulgar, offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which contain sexually suggestive words, phrases or images, advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs, or which cause an inherent risk of substantial disruption to the educational program, shall not be worn to school or school functions. Offensive designs imprinted on the body must be covered.
- Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process.
- Wallet chains or dog collars shall not be permitted.

- If issued, student must be in possession of school badges during all school activities and must present the badge to school officials upon request.
- While on any District School Board of Pasco County schools or campus, at any school function or on any school sponsored transportation, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Students' clothing shall be worn appropriately with no abdomen skin or underwear exposed.
- Schools may not require a student to remove or discipline a student for wearing clothing that depicts a firearm or weapon or expresses an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment (F.S. 1006.07)

Violations of these provisions of the dress code are subject to the following consequences as defined by F.S. 1006.07(2)(d1) and F.S. 1006.07(2)(d2), as follows:

- For a first offense, the student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian.
- For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed 5 days and the school principal, or designee, shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.
- For a third or subsequent offense, the student shall receive an in-school suspension for a period not to exceed 3 days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 30 days, and the school principal, or designee, shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school. The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

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Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

LOLHS' priority is to create a rigorous and engaging learning environment for all students, teachers, and staff. We understand that electronic media is a valuable component in our modern world. Thus, we encourage the appropriate use of technology to enhance the curriculum and engage student learning.

We know that these items can often be a distraction that can take away from our goals. In order to preserve and respect classroom instruction, students may not have electronic devices out, or powered on, during class time unless directed to do so by their teacher for instructional purposes. Students may appropriately use electronic devices during non-instructional times, including before and after school, passing periods, and at lunch.

Electronics such as cell phones, smart phones, iPods, tablets, media players, laptops, etc., are expensive. Students and parents are solely responsible for any loss, damage and/or theft of their personal property. LOLHS will not investigate nor be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen personal items. Parents or guardians must carefully consider whether or not your student needs to have any of these items at school.

Electronic devices may not be used in a manner that causes a distraction or disruption to the learning environment, or in an inappropriate manner. Except as authorized by a teacher, administrator, or Individual Education Plan (IEP) Team, students are prohibited from using Wireless Electronic Devices (WCD) during the school day, including while off-campus on a field trip or during any school-related activity, to capture, record or transmit the words or sounds (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit, written consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted. Students who violate this provision and/or use a WCD to make prohibited recordings or violate the privacy rights of another person may have their WCD confiscated and held until

the end of the school day or until a parent/guardian picks it up, and may be directed to delete the audio and/or picture/video file while the parent/guardian is present. If the violation involves potentially illegal activity, the confiscated WCD may be turned over to law enforcement.

In certain circumstances, such as the FSA, EOC exams, District Finals, PERT, PSAT, AP, and IB examinations, students are not permitted to be in possession of phones and other electronic devices whatsoever. Violation may result in the invalidation of exams and other consequences. The school is not responsible for opportunities lost due to student violation of examination regulations.

Consequences

Teachers and staff initially may issue warnings, assign lunch detentions, and counsel students who violate the guidelines for appropriate use of electronic devices on campus. Further infractions may rise to the level of offenses requiring further intervention.

- First Offense – Confiscated item sent to Main Office. Student picks up item at the end of day prior to leaving campus.
- Second Offense – Confiscated item sent to Main Office. Student picks up item at the end of day prior to leaving campus. Student receives detention or In-School Suspension (ISS).
- Third Offense – Confiscated item sent to Main Office. Student receives detention or ISS. Parent picks up item.
- Subsequent Offenses – Confiscated item sent to Main Office. Additional consequences will be at the discretion of the administration.
- Note: Students must hand over any item as required by staff. Refusal will result in additional disciplinary action for defiance.

For additional information, consult the following sections of the Pasco Schools *Student Code of Conduct*:

- Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) and Digital Citizenship
- Responsible Electronic Use Rules for Students