

Leading Edge Academy San Tan DRESS CODE

STUDENT DRESS CODE: Jr. High (Grades 6-8)

Grades 6-8 are required to wear school uniforms. The school uniform will be worn upon arrival to the school campus and until the student has departed from the campus.

The school uniform will be as follows:

1. **Uniform Tops**

Daily wear will be the official white, black, grey, royal blue, or navy blue polo shirts. If any shirts are worn under the polo shirts, they must be white.

2. **Uniform Pants, Skirts, and Shorts**

- Pants and shorts must be black, grey, navy blue, or khaki. Pants must be uniform or dress pants (no jeans, cargo pants, low rise/hip-hugger pants or pants with decorations). Length of shorts must be no shorter than 4 inches from the kneecap (i.e., Bermuda shorts). Tight/form-fitting stretch pants, or bagging/sagging is not allowed. No frayed edges will be allowed. Black, brown or navy blue belts are requested, but not required, on all pants or shorts that have belt loops.
- Skirt hems must be no shorter than 4 inches from the kneecap. In the interest of modesty, we encourage girls to wear shorts under their skirts. No frayed edges will be allowed. Skirts with decoration are also not allowed.

3. **Condition**

Clothes must be neat, in good repair, not overly wrinkled, or contain any holes.

4. **Winter Wear**

Solid white, black, grey, royal blue, or navy blue sweat shirts, sweaters, or jackets may be worn. These may be worn during class and while on campus. Any other winter wear may be worn to and from campus, however, they must be removed while in class and on campus. Long-sleeve white cotton jersey shirts may be worn under uniforms at all times.

5. **Uniform Shoes and Socks**

Clean gym/tennis shoes or sandals with a back strap will be worn with the uniform. Gym/tennis shoes and shoe laces will be mostly black, brown, dark navy, or white. Socks are to be worn with gym/tennis shoes at all times. Girls may wear solid white, navy blue, or black socks or tights. Boys may wear solid white, navy blue or black socks. **Footwear must be worn at all times.**

6. **Other Grooming & Dress Standards**

- No hats, bandanas, or other head coverings may be worn. Girls may wear bows, barrettes, headbands, clips and scrunchies.
- It is expected that all students will come to school well-groomed. Boys are to be clean-shaven, and hair length should be cut above the collar and not in their eyes. No tattoos (fake or real) are to be showing.

- Hair is to be neat and clean with no Mohawks, long spikes, or brightly unnatural hair colors (blues, greens, pinks, some shades of red, purple, orange, etc.). Exceptions may be granted for plays, parties or spirit days. Hair may not be disruptive to the learning environment. “Faux hawks” are allowed with the following guidelines: no more than 2” high on top; sides are not shaved.
- Distracting makeup, such as glitter, dark lipstick, dark eyeliner, dark eye shadow, loud nail colors or facial art is not allowed.
- Jewelry may include ear jewelry (cuffs, earrings, etc.), which may be worn only on the earlobe. No more than two (2) pieces of jewelry may be worn on/in one ear, one basic necklace, one bracelet or watch around the wrist, and one ring. Body piercings, including facial piercings, may not be visible.

Middle School General Dress Code for “Dress Down Days:”

Fridays, and announced special occasions, are Dress Down Days. The Dress Code for Dress Down Days is as follows:

- **Baseball Caps or Hats** may be worn to and from school, but they may not be worn inside any buildings or on campus. Also not allowed are bandanas, hair nets, do-rags, etc.
- **Shirts or T-Shirts** must cover waistband or pants or stay tucked in to the waistband of pants with no midriff or lower back exposed at any time. On all shirts there will be no low necklines or low backs. The entire back and front must be covered and no underclothing may show. All shirts need to meet these standards regardless of additional shirts, jackets, blazers, or other outerwear worn over them. Inappropriate or obscene language, advertisements, or images including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, nudity, occultism, weapons or other possibly offensive symbols are not allowed on any shirt or other article of clothing. *Sleeveless, spaghetti strap, or tank tops are not allowed.*
- **Shorts** must be no shorter than 4 inches above the kneecap. Undergarments must not be visible.
- **Pants** must be of an appropriate size for the person wearing them with no extreme baggy, sagging or skin-tight styles (no leggings). Pants that are sagging low in the waist, crotch, or seat are not permitted. The width of the pant legs may not extend to the side of the student’s leg more than 5 inches at mid-thigh, 6 inches at mid-calf, or 8 inches at the ankle. The length of the pants should not drag below the sole of the shoe. Extremely tight pants that restrict movement are not permitted. Absolutely no underclothing may show. Pajama pants are also not allowed.
- **Dresses and Skirts** must meet the same length standard as shorts and shirts. Spaghetti strap or sundress-style dresses are not permitted. Jumpers worn with a sleeved shirt fall into the skirt and shirt category and are acceptable when following all length standards. Shorts *must* be worn underneath dresses, skirts, or jumpers on P.E. days.
- **Shoes/Sandals** with a back strap are allowed. Flip-flops, house slippers, or any foot covering that appears to be unsafe for every day activity are not allowed. ***Sneakers should be worn on P.E. Days.***
- **Jewelry and Body Piercing** – Pierced jewelry may be worn only in the earlobes. Ear jewelry (cuffs, earrings, etc.) may be worn only on the earlobe. No more than two (2) pieces of jewelry may be worn on/in one ear. No other pierced jewelry is allowed. Jewelry should be very moderate both in size and in amount and worn so as not to be a distraction. Body piercings, including facial piercings, may not be visible.
- **Hair** may not be a distraction to others. Appropriate grooming and hygiene standards must be met. Hair should be neat and clean with no Mohawks, long spikes, or brightly unnatural colored hair (blues, greens, some shades of red, yellow, orange, etc.). “Faux Hawks” are permitted, but not more than 2” high and no shaved sides. Streaking and other hair coloring treatments and styles may be considered out of dress code if Teachers or Administrators deem them distracting to learning. Exceptions may be made for plays, parties, or spirit days.
- **Make-Up** should be worn with modesty and not be a distraction.

- **Miscellaneous** items such as backpacks, binders, or other accessories, jewelry, or bracelets with symbols or negative messages are not allowed at school. Jewelry and ornamental accessories such as chains, wallet chains, spiked collars, or spiked wristbands are NOT allowed, as they present a safety hazard to self and/or others.

*School personnel have the discretion to make the final decisions on inappropriate clothing. Students who do not comply with the dress and grooming standards will be sent to the office. One or more of the following disciplinary actions may be taken when necessary:

1. Warning: Parent will be notified with a phone call. Infraction notice will be sent home with the student. It is expected that the student not repeat the infraction.
2. The school may issue alternative apparel for the remainder of the day.
3. Students will remain in office until an appropriate change of clothing is brought to school.
4. A parent conference will be scheduled after numerous infractions.
5. Subject to the school's discipline plan, continued disregard for the dress and/or grooming standards may result in suspension.

*****If there is any doubt, **DO NOT** wear it or buy it!*****