

Laurel Bay School Boys and Girls Shoes



Shoes worn to school cannot have an open toe and/or open heel. Platform shoes, house slippers, flip-flops and shower shoes are also unacceptable.

Shoes designed to have laces must be tied and shoes with Velcro must be properly fastened with the Velcro. Heels on any shoe must be no higher than one inch. Administrators reserve the right to tell a student to put on a different pair of shoes if they find that the shoes worn by the student are unusually distracting to the learning environment through size, color, and/or pattern, or create a safety hazard for the student or others in the school.

Laurel Bay School Boys and Girls Accessories



Excessive and oversized jewelry and related accessories can be disruptive to the learning environment. As such, no more than eight items

including not more than one set of earrings, two bracelets, two rings, two necklaces, and a watch.

➤ Girls and boys may wear accessories that are not excessive or distracting to the educational environment. Oversized items are not acceptable. The determination will first fall to the teacher and final judgment will fall to the Administrative team if further clarification is needed.

➤ Tattoos (real or temporary) that are visible should be covered to the maximum extent possible. Facial piercing is not acceptable. Lanyards for keys will be allowed. They must be worn inside the shirt.

➤ Sweatbands, “Do-Rags”, bandanas, scarves (neck and/or hair), etc. are not allowed – hats may NOT be worn in the building.

➤ Children wearing excessive or distracting make up, that is not age appropriate, will be cautioned.



For more information

If you have any questions or need clarification concerning appropriate/acceptable clothing and accessories for school, please check the school handbook or contact the appropriate school.

This dress code is designed to be a religiously, philosophically, socially, financially and medically neutral, mandatory, universally applicable code. However, we recognize that in some unique circumstances, accommodations (exceptions) to the dress code may be reasonable and appropriate. Parents may request that their child be permitted to opt out of some or all of the dress code provisions. Parents may not however, request to opt out of those provisions which prohibit speech related to the promotion of illegal use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violent conduct, or that contains threats or expressions which are violent, discriminatory, lewd or obscene. The request to opt out of the school dress code must be provided through the principal to the superintendent in writing, and provide an appropriate rationale to support the request on forms that are available in the office.

Administrators reserve the right and will address any situation or dress code violation (items not covered) that may present a safety concern or is materially and substantively disruptive to the learning environment.

* Complete Laurel Bay Uniform Policy is in the LB Handbook.

Student Dress Code 2010-2011

Laurel Bay Schools



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Standardized Dress Code Policy

Laurel Bay Schools adopted a standardized dress code policy for students in the Spring of 2009. The School Board, administration, parents, and staff continue to be involved in discussion regarding this dress code.

Dress code policies help foster an environment of school pride and improve safety, good order and discipline while maintaining focus on academic achievement. The first step to ensuring quality education is to create a safe and disciplined learning environment. The development of our standardized dress policy is based on research and survey results from the community.

The objectives of the policy are to ensure the safety of students and to minimize the disruptions and distractions that can be caused by inappropriate attire, while ensuring that students are permitted their right to freedom of speech. As such, any speech, language, picture, logo, etc. that promotes illegal or violent conduct such as the lawful use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or drug paraphernalia, or that contains threats or expressions which are violent, discriminatory, lewd, vulgar or obscene in nature, will not be tolerated at school. Schools have the authority to limit any speech that materially and substantially disrupts the work and discipline of the school.

The school will work with students, teachers, administration, parents and staff to ensure that a student's freedom of speech is balanced with the interest of safety, education and discipline held by the school. The guidelines set forth are to curb distractions and **keep the focus of all students on academics.** The policy includes all students in kindergarten through eighth grades. Faculty members have their own dress code as prescribed by their contract.

Laurel Bay Schools standardized dress code section should be available in the MCX during the summer. Items may also be purchased at any other store or through PTO where available.

Laurel Bay School Boys and Girls Shirts

Required Colors (solid colors only, e.g. no stripes)

Red, White, & Navy Blue Polo Collared Shirts Only

- ♦ Shirts (with/without the school logo) are allowed.
- ♦ All shirts must be tucked for grades 2-8. Younger students should practice keeping their shirt tucked in to maintain consistency in the uniform dress code policy throughout the Laurel Bay School complex.
- ♦ If a shirt has buttons, only the top two buttons of the shirt may be undone.
- ♦ Sweaters must be pullovers, cardigans, and sweater vest / sweater shirt style in the approved solid color listed above ONLY. Waistline must be visible.
- ♦ Size appropriate sweatshirts may be worn over policy approved shirts before and after school in approved solid colors ONLY. During school hours, shirts must be tucked in and waistbands visible for all students in grades 2-8. Variations will be made at the principal's discretion based on classroom temperature.
- ♦ Camisoles or shirts worn underneath approved shirts must be in the approved matching color.
- ♦ **The following are not acceptable:** Cargo, overalls, painter pants, spandex pants, pants worn with drawstrings or excessive flair bottoms, excessively tight, baggy, revealing clothing, or any clothing with rivets. Dresses, shorts, skorts, pants and skirts which are excessively tight, extremely brief, sexually suggestive, or expose posterior and/or do not cover undergarments are not acceptable. NO sleeveless shirts. NO see through material.
- ♦ GLOVES, JACKETS, COATS, and/or FLEECE PULLOVERS cannot be worn while the student is in class.

New students have ten (10) school days to purchase their uniforms.

Laurel Bay School Girls Skirts

- ♦ Skirts must fall at a length that is appropriate for school which is no more than 3 inches above or below the center of the knee (both front and back). The final determination of skirt length falls to the judgment of the school administrators.
- ♦ Leotards/hosiery must match the dress or skirt or be neutral in color (e.g., panty hose).
- ♦ Walking shorts or skorts cannot be too short. The bottom hem of such must be within 4 inches of the center of the knee.

Laurel Bay School Boys and Girls Slacks/Walking Shorts/Skirts/Skorts (Need to fit as to remain above the hips.) (Solid colors in navy, khaki (tan), or denim)

- ♦ For boys, dress style navy or tan slacks (e.g., Dockers, Chino, etc), denim jeans or shorts are acceptable. For girls, navy, tan, or denim slacks, shorts, skirts or skorts are acceptable.
- ♦ Slacks or jeans may not drag on the ground and may not have cuts or tears in them.
- ♦ Pockets must be inside the garment (inverted) and not sewn/stitched on the outside. No rivets.
- ♦ Belts, when worn, must be appropriately sized and worn through the belt loops if the item has belt loops. Belts must not have metal studs. Belt end excess must not exceed or hang beyond the first belt loop. Novelty belts and novelty belt buckles are NOT allowed.
- ♦ Sagging pants are NOT allowed.

No spandex or other stretch material (except for leotard/hosiery) or leather (except belts) materials are allowed.