



LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

2022-2023 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Academic Honor Code

Lexington County School District One encourages students to maintain high standards of academic integrity and honesty. In an effort to clarify expectations, the following list provides examples of unacceptable acts of cheating:

- looking on someone else's quiz, test or exam;
- revealing items to someone who has not taken a quiz, test or exam;
- copying from others on assignments designated as independent work;
- referring to unauthorized notes and materials during a quiz, test or exam;
- positioning a paper or technological device into viewing range of another student during a quiz, test or exam;
- using unauthorized technological devices to complete or disseminate answers during a quiz, test or exam;
- using technological devices to secure work from another student's project;
- obtaining an unauthorized copy of a quiz, test or exam;
- plagiarizing a paper or using a paper written by another person (citation errors are handled during the writing process by classroom teachers) and/or plagiarizing work from another student's project; and
- attempting to take an online assignment or assessment for another student or allowing another person to complete an online assignment or assessment for another student.

Teachers and administrators treat cheating as a serious matter. Teachers will confer with the appropriate administrator to review evidence of any misconduct. Parents will be notified and a mandatory conference will be held with the student, parent/guardian, teacher and administrator.

Any behavioral consequence such as in school suspension will be explained at that time. After the conference is held, the student will be required to complete an appropriate assignment/assessment if needed. This work will be graded in lieu of the original assignment/assessment. If the student does not complete the assignment/ assessment by the due date, a zero will automatically be entered into the grade book.

If the offense occurs during a reassessment opportunity, the reassessment score will be dropped and the original grade will be recorded. The behavioral infraction of cheating will be documented through a discipline referral and noted in the student's discipline record. Behavioral consequences up to out-of-school suspension for repeated incidences of cheating will be administered at the discretion of the school-based administrator.

Attendance Policy

South Carolina law mandates that children 5 years old to 17 years old must attend school. The school year consists of 180 school days. The district considers students present only when they are actually at school, on homebound instruction, or present at an activity authorized by the school such as field studies, athletic contests, music festivals, student conventions and similar activities.

Absences and Excuses

The district considers students present only when they are actually at school, on homebound instruction or attending an activity authorized by the school such as field studies, athletic contests, music festivals, student conventions, etc. Due to the change of a federal law that governs the United States K–12 public education policy, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a student who is at school must be present for 51% or more of the school day (elementary) or period (secondary) to be considered present.

If absent, a student must present a written excuse signed by a parent/guardian, physician or other appropriate person within three days after returning to school.

The excuse must include the date the excuse is written, date of the absence, reason for the absence, telephone number where the parent/guardian may be reached and the required signature. If a student fails to provide a proper excuse, the excuse may be recorded as unexcused.

Students enrolled in a course for high school credit cannot accumulate more than five unexcused absences in a semester-long course or 10 unexcused absences in a year-long course to receive credit. This includes absences covered by parent excuses, which means that parent excuses count as unexcused absences in high school credit courses. A parent excuse, however, does enable the student to make up work missed.

Principals require a student who accumulates more than five absences in a semester or 10 absences in a year to provide a doctor's excuse for all medically related absences in order to receive course credit. Parents can routinely monitor absences by accessing their students' information in PowerSchool. If a parent has a question or concern about an absence, the parent should contact the school as soon as possible.

Principals have the authority to review absences in excess of 10 days (five days in a semester course) and to use their own discretion for follow-up. Any student who provides a false excuse will be referred to an administrator for disciplinary action.

Excused absences

The district gives excused absences for:

- ill students whose attendance in school endangers their health or the health of others, as determined by a doctor or the school nurse.

- students who are chronically ill. A doctor's statement explaining that the student does not need to see a doctor every time the illness occurs must be turned into the attendance office. Once the statement is on file with the school, the parent/guardian can inform the doctor of the occurrence of the illness and the doctor can fax the attendance office the excuse or the original may be picked up from the doctor and given to the attendance office when the student returns to school. (Schools do not accept faxes from parents/guardians.)
- students who must keep medical or dental appointments. Called-in doctor's notes are not accepted. The student must see the doctor for the absence to be excused except in cases where the student has been determined to be chronically ill as explained above.
- students who have prior permission from their high school administration to visit a college. Two excused absences in the junior year and two excused absences in the senior year are permitted. A note from the admissions office of the college visited must be turned into the attendance office.
- students who have an immediate family member who is seriously ill. A parent/guardian note stating that the family member is seriously ill must be turned into the attendance office.
- students attending a funeral of an immediate family member. A parent/guardian note must be turned into the attendance office.
- students participating in a recognized religious holiday of their faith. n students who have prior permission to participate in school-sponsored or school-approved activities.
- students who have unusual or mitigating circumstances as determined by the school principal.

Unexcused/unlawful absences

The district gives unexcused absences for:

- students willfully absent from school.
- students absent without the knowledge of their parents/ guardians for any reason other than those described in the previous section.
- students suspended from school.

After three consecutive unexcused absences or after a total of five unexcused absences, the principal or designee will identify the reason(s) for the student's continued absence and will, with the student and parent/guardian, develop a plan to improve that student's attendance. The student may be referred to a truancy prevention program or to court. Before a principal takes legal action, the principal will notify the parent/guardian and allow that parent/guardian to present information for appeal.

Three unexcused tardies (three minutes late) to any one class can count as an unexcused absence.

Attendance Procedures

Procedures for signing students in/out of school

Signing In:

- Arrival: Students that arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. should report to their 1st block class. Students arriving after 8:35 a.m. are tardy to school and must come to the Attendance Office to sign in.
- Excuses: Excuses will be accepted in the Attendance Office before school, between classes or after school. Students will not be allowed to miss instruction or leave the cafeteria during lunch to turn in excuses.
- Failure to sign in: Students must sign in through the Attendance Office if they arrive between after 8:35 a.m. After 2:44 p.m. students are considered absent from school for the entire day.

Signing Out:

- No students will be permitted to leave school during the school day unless a parent/guardian or other approved person on the student's emergency contact list comes to the school for the student or unless prior arrangements have been made.
- The parent/guardian or other approved person must come to the office and sign the student out during school hours (the school is open at 7:30 a.m.). Parents may sign out students in the main office up to one week in advance of the appointment. Picture identification is required.
- Schools do not accept incoming telephone calls, written notes, or faxes for the purpose of dismissing a student from school early.
- Anyone not on the student's approved sign out list will not be allowed to sign any student out of school.
- Students who leave school without being properly signed out will be treated as cutting/leaving school. Students are not allowed to be signed out of school between 3:25 and 3:50 p.m.
- Ill or injured students must be signed out by an adult in order to leave campus. In case of an emergency or extenuating circumstances, the principal will use his or her judgment in excusing a student.
- Students will not be allowed to sign themselves out of school, regardless of age or grade, to go to appointments.

Students must attend half of the class to be counted present.

SEARS (School Extension for At-Risk Students) Program

Lexington School District One's SEARS program provides an attendance extension for high school students who receive a final grade of "F" due only to unexcused absences beyond the limit allowed for the course. To participate, the student must otherwise have a passing course grade. Students with excessive absences in the first semester must attend SEARS at the end of the first semester. Students with excessive absences second semester must attend SEARS at the end of the second semester.

Discipline Information

The LHS Administrative Staff, in accordance with Lexington County School District One Board Policy JIC, expects the conduct of students at Lexington High School to reflect the educational goals of the school. No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights and property of teachers, students, administrators, counselors and all others who are involved in the educational process. The administration expects all students to be aware of and follow all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct.

The students of Lexington High School will be expected to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights and privileges of others are not violated. The school board of Lexington County School District One requires students to respect authority, to conform to district and school rules and regulations, and to obey those provisions of law which apply to the conduct of juveniles or minors. A student will not repeatedly fail to obey school rules and the directions of teachers, student teachers, teachers' aides, principals, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when he/she is under the authority of school personnel.

The code of conduct is in effect in the following places and during the following times:

- On school property at any time
- At any school-sponsored event
- On school buses
- At all times and in all places where the student's conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the district's interest in maintaining order and discipline in its schools

The Lexington High School Administration reserves the right to modify the Student Code of Conduct as needed. The staff will make every effort to interpret and enforce the discipline code in a consistent manner. Any behavior considered to be inappropriate and disruptive to the learning environment that may not be specifically mentioned in this code will be handled in a manner the administration believes is most appropriate for all concerned.

Disciplinary Action Level

Each teacher has a concept of what good classroom management is and the ability to maintain discipline in most classroom situations. When an exception arises and a student refuses to obey school rules and to cooperate with the teacher, the teacher may appeal to the principal if the teacher's own efforts to provide direction to the student have failed. The levels of disciplinary action which shall be enforced by school administration with students who are in violation of school rules include:

- Verbal Warning/Reprimand
- Conference with students, parents, and teacher
- Restorative Conference(s)
- Confiscation of Property
- Restriction of Privileges (e.g. parking permits)
- Detention
- Saturday School
- In-School Suspension*
- Out-of-School Suspension*
- Recommendation for Expulsion

*Students who accumulate suspensions of 10 days or more in any one school year will be recommended for expulsion. Suspended or expelled students shall be denied the privilege of participation in all extracurricular and co-curricular activities (e.g. athletic practice, club meetings) during the period of suspension or expulsion.

A student's disciplinary record is cumulative and does not reset at any time during the school year.

Prohibited Conduct

1. **Aiding Others:** A student should not encourage others in the breaking of rules this includes filming and/or provoking a student fight, altercation/confrontation or disturbance.
2. **Alcohol Violation:** A student will not knowingly possess, use, transfer, associate with, sell or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverages. A student who violates the alcohol policy will be recommended for expulsion.
3. **Assault (Aggravated or Simple):** A student will not cause physical injury or behave in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to any person; nor will a student intentionally touch any person in an offensive or sexually provocative manner. Any

student who is involved in an assault or fight, and who refuses to stop upon request, may be referred to law enforcement.

4. **Bomb Threat:** Posting, distributing, displaying, or sharing literature or material containing a threat of violence, injury or harm toward the school. A student who violates the alcohol policy will be recommended for expulsion.
5. **Bullying/Cyberbullying:** Lexington One prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying of a student by students/third parties that interfere with or disrupt a student's ability to learn and the school's responsibility to educate students in a safe and orderly environment. This is true whether that harassment, intimidation or bullying takes place on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-related activity on or off school property.
 - a. The district defines harassment, intimidation or bullying as a gesture, electronic communication or a written, verbal, physical, or sexual act reasonably perceived to have the effect of either of the following:
 - i. harming a student physically or emotionally or damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage.
 - ii. insulting or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.
 - b. According to <http://www.stopbullying.org>, in order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:
 - i. An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power – such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity – to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
 - ii. Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
6. **Bus Violation:** Refer to the School Bus Behavior Code in the Lexington County School District One 2022–2023 Student Handbook.
7. **Cell Phone Violation:** For purposes of this policy, personal communication devices include, but are not limited to, cellular telephones, pagers, gaming devices, other devices that emit an audible signal, vibrate, display a message, display or record an image or otherwise summon or deliver a communication to the possessor.
 - a. High school students may possess personal communication devices in school as follows.

- i. The devices remain silent and are not visible or in use during instructional time. Teachers may allow, however, the instructional use of personal communication devices at their discretion. During instructional blocks, including Empower, devices are not to be in use in school hallways.
 - ii. Personal communication devices are not permitted to be on or visible in locker rooms, restrooms, school buses, or other district vehicles.
 - iii. High school students may use their personal communication devices before and after school, during class changes, and during their assigned lunch as long as the use does not disrupt the school environment.
 - b. Students should understand that possession of the above permitted devices could pose a risk of loss or theft. The district strongly recommends that students properly label their devices and take steps to keep them safe. The school/district will not be liable for lost or damaged devices
 - c. The school principal reserves the right to limit and/or confiscate personal communication devices if the use of these devices is causing a disruption to the school.
8. **Cheating:** Refer to the Academic Honor Code in the Lexington County School District One 2022–2023 Student Handbook.
 9. **Computer Violation:** Students who violate the technology policy or otherwise misuse technology will be subject to disciplinary action. This action may include, at a minimum, the loss of technology privileges up to expulsion according to the district's Student Code of Conduct policy. Violations of federal or state laws may subject users to criminal prosecution. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly and willfully deliver or convey to any teacher or principal any written or verbal or electronic threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm on a teacher, principal or their immediate families.
 10. **Confrontation/Altercation:** Includes threats to cause physical injury to another person and intimidation.
 11. **Contraband/Tobacco:** Students are not allowed to smoke or possess tobacco products or paraphernalia including, but not limited to lighters, matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco, mint snuff, snuff, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers or any electronic nicotine delivery system within all district facilities, on school buses, vehicles or grounds; and at all district-sponsored events, whether on or off school grounds. Students in violation of this rule will receive a one-day ISS suspension on the first violation with completion of the cessation course, 6 hours of community service for the second violation, OSS with recommendation for expulsion for the third violation. Items will be confiscated and not returned.

12. **Cutting Class, Leaving Class, or Leaving School:** Leaving class or school premises without supervision of school personnel or following proper “signing out” procedures. Includes hallway violations: presence in an off limits/unauthorized area, misuse of hall pass and/or failing to be in one’s assigned place on school premises. Cutting class is not showing up to a scheduled class. Leaving class involves a student removing themselves from class without prior permission. Leaving School involves leaving school grounds during the school day without permission.
13. **Detention Violation/Failure to Comply with Disc Action:** Failure to serve detentions or other assigned consequences by the assigned date will result in a suspension. Dismissal from ISS will result in out-of-school suspension. Dismissal from Saturday School will result in out-of-school suspension.
14. **Disrespect:** A student will not use obscene language or gestures, vulgar language or gestures, or otherwise show marked disrespect to a teacher or other school employee. A student will not fail to obey the directive of any teacher or other school official to leave a particular place or report to a particular place when such order is given to the student individually or to a group to which the student belongs. A student will not fail to identify him/herself to any teacher or other school official when requested to do so. A student must display or surrender a student identification card to any teacher or other school official when requested to do so.
15. **Disturbing School:** Anyone on any school campus without a visitor’s pass is trespassing. Anyone who interferes with or disturbs in any way or in any place the students or teachers of any school, loiters around a school without permission or acts in an obnoxious manner at school is disturbing schools. Administrators will contact the proper authorities about trespassing/disturbing school violations.
16. **Dress Code Violation:** Students should follow the building and district dress code.
17. **Driving/Parking Violation:** Anyone who does not adhere to the rules may have his/her permission to park on school property taken away. A student must not speed or drive in a reckless manner in any of the school's parking areas.
18. **Drug Distribution, Possession, Usage:** A student will not possess, use, transfer, associate with, sell, or be under the influence of any stimulants, depressants, marijuana, psychedelics, hallucinogens, inhalants, drug paraphernalia (including rolling papers), synthetic drugs, or look-alike drugs of any kind.
 - a. Violation of the drug policy will result in a recommendation for expulsion. Refer to the 2022-2023 Lexington County School District One Student Handbook for more information.
19. **Fighting:** Two or more parties striking each other for the purpose of causing bodily harm. A student who is assaulted and retaliates by hitting, kicking, or any other physical means may be disciplined for fighting. A student involved in two fights during the school year will be recommended for expulsion.

20. **Fireworks:** A student will not knowingly possess, handle, or use fireworks. A student who violates the fireworks policy will be recommended for expulsion
21. **Forgery:** Tampering with, changing, or altering a school-related record or document. Forgery of medical documents, for attendance purposes, will result in a 3 day out-of-school suspension and will be turned over to law enforcement for possible criminal prosecution.
22. **Gang Activity:** Gangs that initiate, advocate or promote activities on school grounds that threaten the safety or well-being of individuals or property disrupt the school environment and are harmful to the educational process. Therefore, any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia, exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or participating in negative activities which affect other students will be disciplined. The administration considers any gang activity or evidence of membership in gangs or secret societies as described in Board Policy JICF to be an act detrimental or disruptive to the school environment, which, for disciplinary purposes, calls for a referral to the district hearing officer.
23. **Harassment:** Harassment is unwanted acts of aggression toward others. Under federal civil rights laws, harassment is unwelcome conduct demonstrated to others that is based on race, national origin, color, sex, disability or religion; that is severe, pervasive or persistent; and that creates a hostile environment or an unsafe environment.
24. **Horseplay:** physical behavior which creates a substantial risk of or results in injury
25. **Identification Badge Violations:** All district high school students are required to wear photographic identification badges issued by the district. All students will wear these badges in plain sight at all times while at school and while traveling to and from school on regular school buses and field trips. A student must display or surrender a student identification badge to any teacher or other school official when requested to do so.
26. **Inappropriate Affection:** Prolonged physical contact including kissing and/or groping.
27. **Inappropriate Behavior/Language:** disrupting class (behavior a reasonable person would view as interfering with the conduct of a class); dishonesty to a staff member; verbally rude and/or disrespectful behavior
28. **Indecent Exposure/Sexual Offenses:** A student shall not intentionally touch any person in an offensive or sexually provocative manner. A student will not engage in inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature including, but not limited to, touching, gestures or comments.
29. **Larceny/Theft:** A student will not steal school property.

30. **Littering:** Carelessly discarding trash (ex. temporary ID badges, leaving trash in cafeteria) All students sitting at a cafeteria table will be held accountable for any trash that is not discarded properly.
31. **Loitering:** Any person who shall loiter upon or near the school grounds (parking lot or school grounds) during school hours or at any school-sponsored activity such as games, dances, and other school-sponsored activities after regular school hours without any lawful business or purpose
32. **Major Disruption:** A student will not, by use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance or any other conduct cause the substantial and material disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process or function of the school. Neither will the student engage in such conduct with the intent to cause the substantial and material disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process or function of the school, if such disruption or obstruction will probably result.
33. **Medication Violation:** Students should not have any prescription or non-prescription medication on their person. It should be held by the nurse. Students will not share any prescription or over-the counter medication with another student. Violations of this will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion. Schools cannot allow unsupervised self-monitoring or self medication in cases where this would jeopardize the safety of the student or others.
34. **Off Limits:** Entering an area that is off limits for students and is not supervised. This includes but is not limited to: Custodial areas, LOPAC, performing arts practices rooms, faculty workrooms and restrooms. Students are not allowed to loiter in the parking lots or outside the school building during the school day including empower. Students are not allowed in vehicles during school hours without permission from an administrator.
- a. Any student found outside of the school building during regular school hours (8:35 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.) without a pass from an administrator, with the exception of students walking to or from the Lexington Technology Center through the breezeway, will be in violation.
35. **Probation Violation:** Failure to comply with previously determined agreements after returning from an alternative placement or an expulsion hearing.
36. **Profanity:** Using profane, obscene, vulgar, or lewd language, gestures.
37. **Refusal to obey/defiant:** failure to comply with direction of a staff member
38. **Sexual Harassment:** The district takes sexual harassment of students seriously and prohibits such conduct by employees, students or third parties associated with district schools. Students can report inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature without fear of adverse consequences. Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment or any parent/guardian of a student who feels his/her child has been subjected to sexual harassment is encouraged to file a complaint with the school's

principal or designated school contact person. All employees, students and third parties associated with schools must avoid any action or conduct which could be viewed as sexual harassment. Any employee or student who is found to have engaged in sexual harassment or inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature will be subject to disciplinary action (up to termination in the case of an employee or up to expulsion in the case of a student). Other appropriate steps will also be taken to correct/ rectify the situation.

- 39. **Tardiness:** Being late for school or class; students are expected to arrive to class on time.
- 40. **Threat:** It is unlawful for any person to knowingly and willfully deliver or convey to any teacher or principal any written or verbal or electronic threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm on a teacher, staff, students, principal or their immediate families.
- 41. **Throwing objects:** Creating a substantial risk of injury by either recklessly engaging in behavior, and/or using an object that appears capable of causing physical injury
- 42. **Trespassing:** A student will not come on to the school grounds of any of the district's schools or board school buses while under suspension without prior approval from the principal or his/her designee. A person will not come on the grounds of any of the district schools during the school day where he/she is not a student except for legitimate reasons related to school affairs without prior approval of the principal or his/her designee. Students who violate this rule may be subject to criminal prosecution for trespassing.
- 43. **Vandalism:** A student will not cause, or attempt to cause, damage to private property, or steal, or attempt to steal, private property on the school grounds, during a school activity, function or event off school grounds, or on a school bus.
- 44. **Weapons:** A student will not possess, handle, or transmit a knife, gun/firearm, or any other object that can be considered a weapon, including a look-alike weapon. A student who violates this policy will be recommended for expulsion.

Dress Code

Dress Code Philosophy:

Lexington High School's student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.

Dress Code Values:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school and engage in the educational environment without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal “distractions” without regulating individual students’ clothing/self-expression.
- Student dress code enforcement should be consistent, but not result in unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent and/or inequitable discipline should be minimized whenever possible.
- School staff should be able to use approaches to reduce body shaming to explain the dress code and to address code violations that are consistent with the dress code philosophy.
- Teachers should be allowed to focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.

Dress Code Goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where precautionary, protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as science lab courses (eye or body protection), or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses their self-identified gender.
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of school discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that reasonably can be construed as being or including content that is racist, lewd, vulgar or obscene, or that

reasonably can be construed as containing fighting words, speech that incites others to imminent lawless action, defamatory speech, or threats to others.

Lexington High School Dress Code:

Lexington High School is responsible for ensuring that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size. Any restrictions to the way a student dresses must be necessary to support the overall educational goals of the school and must be explained within this dress code. Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner while on school district property or representing the school in another location. Student dress choices should respect the Lexington County School District's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities. The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

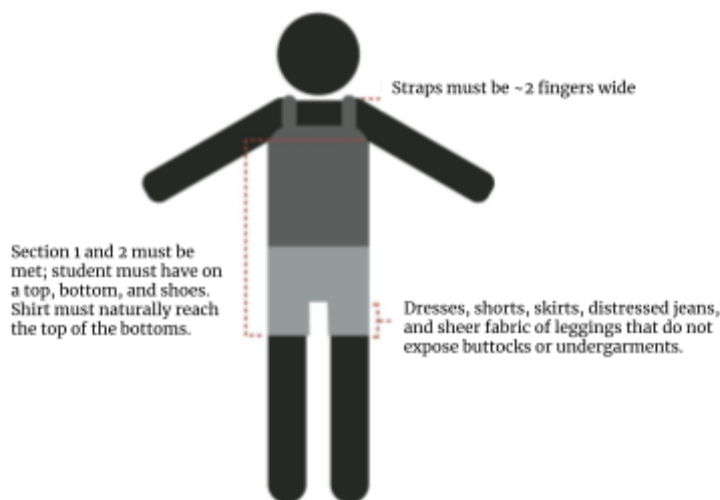
Section 1 - Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.

- Clothes must be worn such that buttocks and breasts are fully covered with non see-through fabric at all times.
- All items listed in the "MUST wear" and "MAY wear" sections must meet section 1.

Section 2 – Students MUST wear, while following the basic principle in Section 1:

- TOP: A shirt with fabric in the front, back, on the sides under the arms and over the shoulders that naturally touches the top of the bottoms, AND
- BOTTOMS: Pants/jeans/leggings/sweatpants/shorts/dress, AND
- Shoes

*Some courses may require specific attire as part of the curriculum and/or safety of the student. These types of courses may include but are not limited to professionalism, public speaking, job readiness, PE, lab sciences, family/consumer sciences. The attire requirements should still keep the values and goals of the dress code in mind.



Section 3 – Students MAY wear, AS LONG AS these items do not violate the basic principles in Sections 1-2:

- Religious/cultural headwear as required by one's faith.
- Head coverings such as but not limited to: beanie, baseball/trucker caps, head scarfs, doo rags/ du rags, accessory hair bandana (non gang affiliated pattern) as long as the ears, eyes, and face are fully distinguishable and visible and does not impede on other students' vision in the classroom.
- Tank tops, as long as the straps are approximately two fingers wide (vertically).
- Visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing and over the shoulder (as long as this is done in a way that does not violate Section 1 above).
- Fitted pants, including non see-through/opaque leggings and skinny jeans.
- Dresses, shorts, skirts, distressed jeans, and sheer fabric/cutouts of leggings that do not expose buttocks or undergarments.
- Ripped jeans, as long as:
 - Open holes/rips that allow the skin to show through must not expose buttocks or undergarments
- Athletic attire.
- Hooded sweatshirts.

Section 4 – Students CANNOT Wear:

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping or paraphernalia (or any illegal item or activity).
- Bulletproof vest, body armor, tactical gear, or replicas of the aforementioned items.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals undergarments (visible straps are allowed at the shoulder).
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous to an individual or others and/or could be used as a weapon such as but not limited to: fish hooks, heavy chains, brass knuckles, sharp studded jewelry.
- Any item that covers the ears, eyes and/or face (except as a religious observance).

Section 5 – Dress Code Enforcement

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently using the requirements below.

- Students will only be removed from spaces, hallways, or classrooms as a result of an extreme dress code violation as outlined in Section 1 and 4 above.
- Dress code violations will be addressed at the first available time to minimize loss of instructional time, so that no instructional time is lost and so that the appropriate administrator or designee is available to address these violations.

- Students in simple violation of Section 1 and/or 4 will be provided three options to be dressed more to code during the school day by school personnel upon entry and visibility onto school grounds:
 - Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day. Alternative clothing may be in their bookbag, school/athletic locker, or car.
 - Students will be provided with the option of temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
 - If necessary, the students' parents/guardians may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.

No student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.

- Students should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others (students or parents) in school. Students will have a private conversation with staff member(s). Shaming could include, but is not limited to:
 - Kneeling or bending over to check attire fit.
 - The measuring of clothing (strap width)
 - Asking students to account/explain their attire in the classroom or hallways in front of others.
 - Staff members will attempt to address dress code violations discreetly.
 - Accusing students publicly of “distracting” other students with their clothing.
- Teachers should use approaches that reduce body shaming and are consistent with the dress code philosophy when addressing a dress code violation with a student. Dress code violations should be addressed in a private manner.
- Students who feel they have been subject to discriminatory enforcement of the dress code should contact the appropriate grade level administrator.

Dress code violations as outlined in Section 1 or 4 will be documented in Educator's Handbook as a dress code offense by staff members. If repeated incidences of noncompliance with the code occurs after three times, administrators reserve the right to apply formal discipline including, but not limited to: parent phone call, detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension (contingent on the severity of noncompliance).

- Administration reserves the right to have the final say with regards to the interpretation of the dress code and whether a student is truly in violation. If something isn't blatantly inappropriate, our goal is to keep students in their classrooms and avoid unnecessary referrals. However, a safe and orderly learning environment must be maintained at all times.

Identification Badges (ID)

Students must wear the identification badge or sanctioned temporary badge at all times while on campus or while traveling to or from school on a school bus. IDs must be clearly visible from the neck to the waist or attached to a bookbag as long as visible and easily accessible. If a staff member asks to see a student's badge, the student must show it immediately. Refusal to do so may result in suspension. If a student comes to school without his/her issued badge, that student must get a temporary badge from their first block teacher before classes begin.

New ID Ordered

A student who arrives at school without their ID may go get one before **8:40 AM** and purchase a new ID for \$5.00 with no penalty. New badges will be available the following school day. Students may not "charge their account" for a new ID badge.

Temporary IDs

Students will be issued a **temporary ID** in their first block class prior to class beginning. This temporary ID must be worn and visible for the duration of the school day. **It is the responsibility of the student to keep up with their temporary ID during the day.** If a student loses their temporary ID sticker, they can ask to receive a new one in any of their classes and it will count against their total number of ID violations.

ID Violations

- Each semester, a student will be given 2 temporary IDs, without penalty.
- Consequences for ID Violations are listed below.
- Record of temporary IDs will be reset at the start of each semester.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ID Violation	Lunch Detention (3rd Offense)	Lunch Detention (2) (6th Offense)	Saturday School (9th Offense)	Saturday School (2) (12th Offense)	Saturday School (3) (15th+ Offense)

- ID badges shall not be duplicated.
- Any student with unauthorized possession of an I.D. card not belonging to him or her will be subject to disciplinary action.
- A student must surrender his or her I.D. card to any staff member upon the staff member's request.
- Anyone without an ID badge may be stopped and questioned as to their purpose.

- You may not check out a library book if you do not have a school issued ID.
- You will not have *any* pass privileges if you are not wearing a school issued ID.
- You will be required to go to the back of the lunch line if you do not have a school issued ID.

Student Drug Testing Program

The Lexington County School District One Student Drug Testing program includes athletes and students who drive and park on campus in our random drug testing pool. All student athletes, student drivers and their parents/legal guardians must sign consent forms to participate in athletics and/or drive and park on campus. Student athletes who are also student drivers will only be included in the random drug testing pool one time. Student athletes who are also student drivers will be subject to both categories of consequences if a random drug test is failed. Students who have not provided the school with a signed Student Drug Testing consent form (signed by both student and parents/legal guardians) are not allowed to park on campus.

Off Limits/Loitering at LHS

Any student found in the parking lots during regular school hours (8:45 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.) without a pass from an administrator, with the exception of students walking to or from the Lexington Technology Center through the breezeway, will be in violation of being Off Limits. Students are not allowed to loiter in the parking lots or outside the school building during the school day including Empower. Students are not allowed in vehicles during school hours without permission from an administrator.

Driving/Parking at LHS

Students should park in a designated parking spot. As a courtesy, schools provide parking on school property for students, parents/guardians, and visitors. The district, however, assumes no responsibility for damage to vehicles, theft of vehicles, or theft of articles from vehicles. Each school's administrators establish rules and regulations for parking lots. These rules keep everyone safe and protect vehicles. Anyone who does not adhere to the rules may have his/her permission to park on school property taken away. A student must not speed or drive in a reckless manner in any of the school's parking areas.

All students who drive to school must complete the district mandated, Alive at 25 program in order to purchase a campus parking permit. After successfully completing the course, the student may purchase parking permits for the rest of his or her high school career. Go to <http://www.scaliveat25.com/> to register. Students who have not completed the Alive at 25 program are not allowed to park on campus.

Other Information

Deliveries to Students

Balloon and florist deliveries will not be accepted for students. Parents may not bring food to the office for students. Students may not have food delivered from restaurants.

Lockers

Lockers are the property of Lexington County School District One. All lockers will be emptied on the day following the last day of school. The school will not be responsible for items left in lockers. Lockers are subject to search at any time by administration.

Medication Policy

- The Parent/Guardian of the student must request in writing that the student be given medication. The school will provide a consent form.
- The medication should be brought to the school by the parent/guardian in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy, health care provider, or in the original container.
- Students are not allowed to have any kind of medication with them at school unless approved by the principal. The school supplies no medication. This includes Tylenol, Aspirin, etc. All medications will be stored in a locked cabinet in the health room. The school nurse will evaluate over-the-counter medications on an individual basis. A written physician's order is required, as well as parental permission.
- Students will not share any prescription or over-the counter medication with another student. Violations of this will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion. Schools cannot allow unsupervised self-monitoring or self medication in cases where this would jeopardize the safety of the student or others.

Valuables

Money, purses, or other valuables are not to be left at school, on the cafeteria tables, hallways, or in the dressing rooms during P.E., extracurricular practices, or games. The school will not be responsible for money or other valuables left unattended during or after school hours.