

## 2017-2018 CLHS Dress Code

The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student. Personal appearance must avoid being a distraction from the educational process. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress at Cypress Lake High School. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools as necessary:

1. Shoes shall be worn at all times. Soft rubber flip flops and slippers are unacceptable.
2. Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school. **All dresses, skirts, and shorts are to be no more than 3 inches above the knee, unless solid leggings are also worn.**
3. **Pants shall be worn fastened at the waist. Sagging pants are not permitted. It is unacceptable for undergarments to be exposed.**
4. Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accord with the design of that shirt or blouse. Sleeveless blouses must cover the shoulder. Any exposure of cleavage is unacceptable. **No midriff shall be exposed when both arms are elevated over the head.**
5. Transparent or see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature, halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are unacceptable. Sleeved t-shirts must be worn under sleeveless or transparent jerseys.
6. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury, such as belts, chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without spikes or studs, and wallet chains, are unacceptable.
7. Clothing with emblems, insignias, badges, slogans, or symbols that promote the use of weapons, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco and/or that are controversial or obscene in nature and disrupt the educational setting are unacceptable.
8. Apparel or symbols which may be gang-related are unacceptable to display on a student's person, locker, vehicle, articles, or other locations on campus.
9. Adornments/Piercings which are attached to exposed body parts other than the ears and nose (studs) are unacceptable. **Piercings may not be covered by band-aids or clear space holders.**
10. The wearing of hats, bandanas, caps, headgear, sweatbands, headbands or sunglasses is unacceptable. **This includes hats attached to belt loops.** Exceptions include: authorized PE and athletic activities in school approved uniforms and individually approved medical conditions.
11. Pajamas or any clothing that allows undergarments to be visible or is intended for sleepwear is unacceptable. Slippers and house shoes are not permitted. Blankets and pillows are prohibited from being brought on campus at any time during school hours.
12. **Jeans or pants with holes or rips/tears revealing skin above the knee are not acceptable.**
13. Long, oversized jerseys are prohibited unless a shirt is worn under the jersey.
14. Transparent or sheer leggings cannot be worn as pants.
15. Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the principal, is prohibited.

**Any dress code violation may not be covered or concealed by a jacket, sweater, or other outer garment.** Make sure all clothing items are appropriate and that the dress code is followed at all times. **If you are unsure about any of the standards listed above, ask an administrator prior to wearing it at school.** Violations will result in disciplinary consequences.