



Loving Municipal Schools

## Loving Middle School Dress Code

The dress code for all Loving schools has been developed for two primary reasons. First, we believe it is important to project a positive image to our community and the visitors to our school. Second, we are trying to prepare our students to enter the work force with an understanding of the standards of dress required in society. Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner at all times. Student dress may not present a health or a safety hazard, violate municipal, county or state law, or present a potential disruption of the education process. The following dress code policy is as follows:

1. The hemline for dresses, shirts, and shorts must be of sufficient length to reach 2” below the fingertips (when walking) or 3” above the knee (when walking) whichever is longer. Skirts cannot have a slit above mid-thigh.
2. Spandex-type material, yoga pants, or leggings are prohibited when worn as outer clothing. An outer garment (shirt, sweater, dress skirt, shorts, etc.) must cover spandex, yoga pants, or leggings, and the outer garment must meet the length requirements of a hemline for dresses, skirts, and shorts as stated above.
3. Pants or jeans that are distressed, torn, or have holes cannot show bare skin or underwear above the knee.
4. Shirts or blouses must be one complete piece in the front, back, and sides (i.e. no cut-out, rips or tears.) See-through/mesh clothing, even if worn over appropriate clothing.
5. Spaghetti-strap shirts or dresses must have a strap over the shoulder of at least three inches in width.
6. Tank tops or muscle shirts are prohibited.
7. No bras, bralettes, or bra straps may be visible. Showing cleavage is prohibited.
8. Clothing that bares any part of the wearer's midsection, even if covered with or by appropriate clothing is prohibited.
9. Clothing with any logo, writing, symbols, or numbers that reflect violence malicious behavior, offensive language, sexual innuendo, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything otherwise considered being disruptive or gang-related is prohibited.
10. Excessively baggy/large coats i.e., "gang-related and/or trench/Goth style" are now allowed.
11. Excessively baggy/sagging pants are prohibited. Pants must fit properly at the waist, inseam, and hem. Pants will be worn at the waist and secured with a belt if necessary. The belt end will not hang from the waist. Chains, leather straps, or “wallet chains” cannot hang from the waist. "Excessively baggy" shall be defined as pants being bunched at the waist under a belt, pants with a low-hanging crotch, or pants with the cuff that covers the feet of the wearer or drag on the floor.
12. Non-prescription dark glasses of any kind may not be worn indoors anywhere on the face or head.
13. Clothing that meets the dress code but is excessively revealing and/or excessively tight is also prohibited.
14. Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes are not permitted. Shoes with heels higher than 3” are not allowed for safety reasons.
15. Hats or Caps/Head Gear are not to be worn during school hours while on campus except for protection from the sun at administrator designated times, and designated school day field trips and extra-curricular activities, and by staff members who work outdoors. If students must wear protective headgear in the shop area, it must be within the shop area only. Hats and caps should be kept in lockers during school hours, with the exception of lunch time.

16. During Health Crisis—All students must wear face mask while in the school setting.
17. Body tattoos may not be exposed to public view.
18. Body piercings (except for two earrings per ear) may not be worn. (Ref. Loving Municipal School Board Policy #349)
19. No student on school property or at any school activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other items that are perceived as evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang.

Administration reserves the right to make all final decisions and/or judgments pertaining to the dress policy. If an administrator determines that a student's dress violates the school dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student's parent/guardians will be notified. Consequences for dress code violations are outlined in the discipline matrix.