**Grooming/Personal Appearance**

1. Caps, hats, chains (including hanging from a wallet or pocket), headwear of any kind, ties (unless specifically permitted by the principal), large headbands, hair wraps, bandanas or scarves as headbands, and non-prescribed glasses are not permitted, and will be confiscated. **Hoods are not to be worn on the head nor over the ears.**
2. Foundation garments must be worn.
3. Piercings, other than ears, are not permitted. Clear (concise stud only) pierce hole fillers are allowed for nose rings. No other piercings of any kind are allowed. Female students may wear up to three earrings in each ear lobe. Male students may wear one small earring in each ear lobe which is no greater than one half-inch in any dimension. Gauges and spiked earrings are not allowed.Prohibited jewelry will be confiscated.
4. Pins, buttons, patches, decorations, slogans, symbols, tags, marks, or advertisements are not allowed unless approved by the administration. (Prohibited examples: beer, cigarettes, drugs, obscene suggestions, sexual connotations, political, etc)
5. Jewelry, including ear rings, worn during the school day should be of a size and dimension that is not a safety concern or distraction on campus. Students may wear a maximum of the following: (1) one thin necklace inside shirt (2) two bracelets per arm.
6. Male hair must appear professional, clean, neat, and well-groomed at all times. The hair may not extend beyond the eyebrow in front and must be out of the student’s eyes at all times. Hair length, as a whole, must be of a uniform length or must blend, fade, or taper. Stark contrasts in hair length (example: shaven sides with long hair on top) are not permitted. Extreme coloring and hairstyles are not acceptable. These items are expressly prohibited: headbands, jewelry in the hair, extreme or unnatural coloring, extreme styles, designs cut in the hair or eyebrows and “Mohawk” style hair.
7. Students are permitted to maintain the following styles of facial hair:
* Clean-shaven
* Mustache –well trimmed, extend the entire length of the lip, may not extend below the corners of the mouth
* Goatee – well trimmed, the cheeks, jawline, and neck must remain clean shaven
* Natural Beard – neatly trimmed well above the jawline (no “chin strap” beards) and maintain a neatly groomed neckline, no portion of the beard may be exceptionally longer than the rest, the bulk/length of the beard may not be excessive

Students are to maintain a neat, clean, professional appearance at all times. At no time shall any student be in a perpetual state of attempting to grow facial hair. Any facial hair that gives the appearance of being unkempt (example: five o’clock shadow) is not permitted. Facial hair, if worn, must be of uniform length and distribution. Any grooming, sculpted lines, or styling resulting in an unnatural appearance is prohibited. Sideburns, unless part of a full beard, may not extend below the lobe of the ear.

1. Female hair must appear professional, clean, neat and well-groomed at all times. The hair may not extend down beyond the eyebrow in front and must be out of the student’s eyes at all times. Stark contrasts in hair length (example: shaven sides with long hair on top) are not permitted. Artificial hair is acceptable provided that it is a single natural coloration. These items are expressly prohibited: hair in rollers, excessive bows or beads, extreme or unnatural coloring, extreme styles, lines cut in the hair or eyebrows and “Mohawk” style hair.
2. Students in violation of any grooming rules are subject to disciplinary action. (Example: facial hair, hair style, color, etc.) Students may be sent home unexcused until they are in compliance.
3. Extremes in hair styles, colors, or contrasting colors (examples: colored streaks, strands, or splotches, etc.) are not permitted. Hair, as a whole, must be a natural coloration and be professional in appearance as defined by school administration.
4. Radical departures from conventional dress or personal grooming and hygiene standards are not permitted.
5. Students must be properly dressed and groomed at all school events, including dances. Revealing attire is unacceptable. For homecoming, prom, and casual dress day attire, refer to those sections in this handbook.
6. Students must follow the rules of appropriate dress as directed by the needs of special classes (examples: physical education, industrial arts, agriscience, chemistry, etc) due to safety concerns.
7. Students must submit to reasonable dress code compliance checks by school personnel (example: verifying length of skort/short, etc.)
8. Masks, if allowed by parish policy, must be for medical purposes and may not interfere with the operations of a safe and orderly campus.

**Dress Code Guidelines**

The School Board is permitted by state law to adopt dress codes mandating the use of school uniforms.  The purpose of the *School Uniform Dress Code* shall be to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety; to encourage students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging; to encourage an improvement in student behavior; and to encourage a high level of program participation. All clothing must fit properly. Extremely loose or tight clothing is not acceptable.

**BELTS**. Belt required with clothing designed with belt loops, any color, no inappropriate logos or slogans. Belts are to be worn correctly and buckles are not to be excessive size or offensive in design. Studs and spikes are prohibited. Must be appropriate length for waist size.

**COATS** **▪**Coat/jacket/sweater may be worn *as long as the uniform shirt collar is revealed*. **▪**Coats/jacket/sweater must reach to the waist. **▪**Trench coats are prohibited (including jackets longer than uniform bottom). **▪**No shirt can be worn as a jacket **▪**Jackets/Coats must have a lining. **▪**Jackets/Coats must button, snap, zip in front from top to bottom. **▪Hoods may not be worn on the head nor over the ears while on campus.**

**JUMPERS ▪** Jumpers **are not** allowed.

**PULLOVERS OF ANY KIND** **▪**(Defined as sweaters, sweatshirt, vests: any garment which is pulled over the head and does not snap, button, or zip from top to bottom) **▪** Solid color—Navy blue or white **or** Denham Springs High School pullover ▪Designs, emblems, insignias, monograms and logos are prohibited (except for school logo)▪A pullover cannot be worn in place of a shirt nor be so large that it conceals a student’s bottom garment**▪** Turtlenecks are prohibited – Any non-compliant pullovers may be confiscated for the remainder of the day. **Students found to repeatedly violate this policy may have their pullover confiscated until a parent/guardian picks it up in the office.**

**SKIRTS** **▪**Solid color—khaki **▪**Cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) **▪**Must be worn at waistline **▪**Pleated, flat or A-line **▪**Length of skirt or slit in skirt—top of knee or longer **▪**Front and back pocket, uniform style, are acceptable.

**SHIRT** **▪**Solid color: Navy blue or white **▪All** **shirts must be tucked in** (not rolled up) at all times **▪**Polo (golf-boxed, hemmed), two, three, or four buttons at top with collar (short or long sleeves) **▪**Oxford/dress shirt—Properly buttoned (short or long sleeves) **▪**Short sleeve shirt length must be at least half way between shoulder and elbow. **▪**Undershirts and t-shirts, if worn, must be plain white,grey, or blackin color and can only be worn underneath the standard uniform shirt. **▪**Short sleeves may not be worn over long sleeves.

\*Club/In season sport’s shirts may be worn on Tuesdays. School spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays.

**SHOES** **▪**Must tie, buckle, or Velcro **▪**Must be properly tied if applicable **▪**Closed toe and closed-heel shoes mandatory (tennis shoes, dress shoes, casual shoes, slip-on shoes) **▪**Boots may be worn with long pants only. ▪Pants may not be tucked into boots ▪Long pants must be worn with boots. **▪**Moccasin/slipper style/croc-style/slides shoes are not allowed. Footwear shall not extend above the knee.

**SHORTS/SKORTS** **▪**Length—Top of knee (top of kneecap) to four inches above knee **▪**Length cannot be below knees **▪**Solid color—khaki **▪**Style must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) **▪**No pockets on pants leg—Pleated, flat, or A-line **▪**No flaps on pockets **▪**No patch pockets **▪**Shorts must have belt loop and belt **▪**Can be cuffed or uncuffed **▪**Above criteria applies to skorts as well. **▪**Appropriate fit: not too loose, not too tight; no sagging **▪**Skorts (skirt-look in the front/short-look in back) must be visible and of regulation length **▪**Skorts with belt loop require a belt **▪**Pleated, flat or A-line **▪**Must be worn at the waistline. **▪**No “biker-type” shorts (tight fitting to the knee) **▪**No capri style pants. **▪**No “skinny” type shorts or skirts or “jegging” material.

**SOCKS ▪** If worn, socks may not have any inappropriate or offensive wording or images. Socks above the knee are prohibited.

**TIGHTS/LEGGINGS** - solid color black, gray, navy blue, white, or skin tone (may only be worn under skirts/dresses.) Designs, insignias, monograms and logos are prohibited. Extreme, distracting, or unprofessional styles of socks, hose, or tights are prohibited.

**SLACKS ▪**Solid color—khaki—Cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) **▪**Appropriate fit: not too loose, not too tight; no sagging **▪**Must be worn at waistline **▪**Straight legs—no slits in hem **▪**No elastic or gathering at ankles **▪**Must be hemmed and length may not exceed top of shoe **▪**No pockets on lower leg **▪**No flaps on pockets **▪**No patch pockets **▪**Pleated or flat front **▪**Must have belt loops and belt **▪**Cropped, stirrup, parachute, wind, stretch/warm-up, jogger, and jean style (with rivets, brads) are prohibited **▪**Cargo type garments are prohibited. **▪**No capri style pants may be worn. **▪**No “skinny” style pants or “jegging” material.

**MASKS** **▪**Must be school appropriate ▪Students allowed reasonable choice of color, design, and pattern **▪**Masks may have the student’s name, monogram, or school logo/DSHS. **▪***Masks**should be free of wording, slogan, advertisement, obvious political statement, or inappropriate graphic.* Gaiter-style masks are allowed. No bandannas.

**Any clothing, hair style, makeup or jewelry that is considered a distraction, a safety issue, or interferes with any student’s performance is prohibited. Per LPPS Policy, the principal shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper attire and appearance.**

A list of approved uniform vendors and a sample uniform display is available in the main office and on the LPPS website.

**CASUAL DRESS GUIDELINES:** Periodically students will have the opportunity to participate in a “casual dress” day. Students must adhere to the following guidelines. Failure to do so will result in the student being required to change into school uniform and will result in a loss of “casual dress” privileges for the remainder of the semester.

**“Casual Dress” Days** \*Additional dates may be added throughout the year

**Students MAY wear the following**: blue or solid color jeans/pants (no holes, rips or tears revealing bare skin above the knee), sweatpants (must be worn on the waist), school appropriate t-shirts, shirts, or sweaters, pullovers or hoodies, skirts and dresses to the knee.

**Students MAY NOT wear the following**: sleeveless shirts, revealing clothing, shirts or dresses with cutouts in the back, inappropriate graphics or text on ANY clothing, no leggings with long shirts, no jeggings, no yoga pants, no pajama pants, no tank tops, no low cut shirts, no revealing clothing of any kind, no crocs or slides. SHORTS MAY NOT BE WORN unless they are uniform shorts.

**\*\*STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE MUST CALL HOME TO HAVE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BROUGHT TO CAMPUS. STUDENTS CAN’T RETURN TO CLASS UNTIL DRESS CODE COMPLIANT!**