



Loving Municipal Schools

## Loving Middle School Student – Dress Code

The dress code for all Loving schools has been developed for two primary reasons. First, we believe it's 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. Students are not to wear the following to school and/or school sponsored activity:

1. Spandex, stretch cotton shorts or shorts/skirts/dresses that measure more than three (3) inches above the top of the kneecap in a kneeling position.
2. Torn or frayed clothing of any kind.
3. See-through/mesh clothing, even if worn over appropriate clothing.
4. Spaghetti-strap shirts or dresses and those with less than 3 inches of a sleeve
5. Clothing that bares any part of the wearer's midsection, even if covered with or by appropriate clothing.
6. 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.
7. Excessively baggy/large coats i.e., "gang-related and/or trench/Goth style".
8. Excessively baggy/sagging pants. 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.
9. Non-prescription dark glasses of any kind may not be worn indoors anywhere on the face or head.
10. Clothing that meets the dress code but is excessively revealing and/or excessively tight is also considered disruptive to the learning environment in the classroom and is prohibited on the Loving schools' campuses.
11. Shoes must be worn at all times.
12. 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.
- 13.** Body tattoos may not be exposed to public view.
14. Body piercings (except for two earrings per ear) may not be worn. (Ref.Loving Municipal School Board Policy #349)
15. 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.