High School Dress Code Guidelines

1. **Appropriate shirts and tops include long-sleeved, short-sleeved or regular sleeveless; no tanks or off the shoulder are allowed** and tops may not expose midriffs or be too low cut in the front, back, or under the arms. Halter-tops, tanks, razor back tops, tube tops, strapless garments, off the shoulder, and shirts with spaghetti straps are not appropriate. No straps from undergarments should be visible. **Dresses may be sleeveless but must not be strapless, halter, razor back, or have spaghetti straps and must be no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap.** Clothing may not be made of sheer fabric.
2. **Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap, which would include Bermuda shorts, walking shorts or longer jean shorts. Skirts and dresses must not be shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap.**
3. Students shall not wear clothing that contains messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or libelous; that demean others on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote alcohol or drug use or violence; or that are otherwise contrary to the school's educational mission.
4. Students shall not wear pants/jeans that, when fastened, sag or fit below the waist. All pants/jeans must fit around the waist and be properly fastened so that no undergarments are showing.
5. Students may not wear pajama pants. Students may not also wear leggings with the exception of wearing them under a top/dress that hits 3" above the knee.
6. Any attire or grooming deemed to be gang related is prohibited when such attire or grooming creates an atmosphere of threat, intimidation, or undue pressure or disrupts the educational environment/process or interferes with curriculum goals or educational objectives.
7. Also NO:
   a. Tattered and torn clothing regardless if skin is visible underneath the tear including jeans/denim.
   b. Hats (all) and sweatshirt hoods may not be worn in the classroom.
   c. **Tank tops** of any kind, including underwear.
   d. Trench coats.
   e. Hairnets, bandanas, and do-rags.
   f. Clothing that references drug/alcohol markings.
   g. Clothing that displays inappropriate messages.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times on campus according to state law and for student safety. **Slippers are NOT acceptable footwear**. Shoes must have a thick sole.
9. Body piercings, including facial piercings, may not be visible, except for a small stud affixed to the student's nose.—Students will be asked to remove any piercings that are visible the

entire time they are on campus. Earrings are allowed, but not in excess.- Ear gauges can be no larger than the size of a dime and must be filled with a plug the tone of the student's skin.

10. **No physical tattoos are allowed on the neck, head or face. Tattoos, including temporary ones, must have school appropriate content, if visible. If the content is not school appropriate (i.e. references to drugs, alcohol, inappropriate words, etc) it must be covered at all times.**
11. Hair may not be disruptive to the learning environment.
12. Facial hair must be neat and well-trimmed.
13. No costumes may be worn except for designated spirit days.
14. Clothing, backpacks, binders, or other accessories, jewelry, or bracelets with symbols or negative messages are not allowed at school. Jewelry and ornamental accessories such as chains, wallet chains, spiked collars, or spiked wristbands are NOT allowed, as they present a safety hazard to self and/or others.

School Administrators will make the final decision regarding appropriateness of any student's appearance.

Students and their Parent/Guardians/guardians have the responsibility to be aware of the school's dress code and conform to these requirements. Leading Edge Academy may add other restrictions if the school Administration deems it necessary. If a student or Parent/Guardian has any questions about whether specific attire or accessories are in compliance with the dress code, they should contact the Administration prior to wearing such attire or accessories to ensure compliance. Parent/Guardians may be called to bring a change of clothes if their student is violating dress code policies.

Any student violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, warning, Parent/Guardian conference, school detention, in-school suspension, or off-campus suspension. In addition, the student will remove the garment or accessory and replace it with an appropriate alternative provided by the school, student, or Parent/Guardian, depending upon the circumstances. Multiple dress code violations may be treated as a failure to follow school rules and as stated in the consequences for student misconduct.