

LHS Updates for 2022-2023

*We are excited to have
you back on August 12th
at 8:00 A.M.!*

(and everyday by 8:00 A.M.!)

Please review the following policy updates and reminders to ensure you are ready for day 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

*** August 12th and 15th are 8:00-1:30
attendance times.



School STARTS at 8:00 A.M. That means you should arrive no later than 7:50 to ensure you get to your locker and class on time. Entrances will be at the main East and West doorbell doors only.

Breakfast will be served IN THE CAFETERIA starting at 7:45. If you want breakfast, please arrive by 7:45.

Lockers are BACK! Students will be provided a lock and are required to use it. Backpacks will be stored in lockers and not taken to class.



Student attendance is 8:00-3:05.

Parents and Guardians, please call the main office before 10:00 A.M. to report absence of your student (324-3955).

If you arrive late, check into main office (7:45 doors open, 7:50 warning bell, 8:00 is tardy).

Changes to the attendance policy can be found below.

Updates to Attendance Policy for 2022–2023

Mental Health Absent Days

Students will be excused for temporary absence due to mental or behavioral health for up to 5 days for which the child need not provide a medical note, and the student shall be given the opportunity to make up any school work missed during the mental or behavioral health absence. After the second mental health day used, the student and/or parent/guardian may be provided mental health resource information to support the student.

It should be noted that a parent/guardian must call in and request the mental health day **on the day of the absence** in order for it to be excused. In addition, mental health day absences can still be factored in when determining “chronic absenteeism” (defined as “a student who misses 10 percent of school days within an academic year with or without a valid excuse” which is 18 days of an average 180 day school year).

Family Trips/Outside of School Extracurricular Activities

A family trip is an absence from school in which a student takes a trip with a parent or guardian. An outside of school extracurricular activity refers to any activity that is not affiliated with the school but may hold events from time to time throughout the school year (i.e. 4-H, travel sports, etc.). To the greatest extent possible, families should plan ahead to avoid missing school. The following criteria are considered as applicable by administration when excusing a family trip or outside of school extracurricular activity:

1. Trip is prearranged
2. Student will be accompanied on this trip by a parent or guardian
3. Trip does not occur during the last 2 weeks of a semester
4. Trip does not occur during school-wide testing
5. Student attendance including truancy, tardies, unexcused absences, and excessive absences
6. Student is passing all classes
7. Student has no major or pending discipline issues

Receiving an excused family trip or outside of school extracurricular activity is a privilege and is granted at the discretion of a school administrator. No more than one (1) family trip/outside extracurricular activity will be permitted per year, and no more than three (3) days will be approved. If the days exceed three, the days following will be marked in attendance as unexcused family vacation days. Family trip/outside extracurricular activity days will not be approved when the student is on the excessive absence list.



We need your help in respectful and responsible use of CELL PHONES. In many conflicts, cell phones play a role. In addition, they can be a significant distraction to the educational environment.

We believe in teaching responsible use and etiquette.

Please see the updated Cell Phone Policy Below.

Updates to Cell Phone Policy for 2022-2023

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices and other technology is a privilege, not a right. While cell phones and other electronic devices can make communication convenient, they can also be a significant distraction and disruption to the educational setting and/or safety and well-being of students. Parents/guardians are discouraged from sending messages and/or calling their students via cell phones during the school day, and instead are encouraged to call the school office. We would be happy to assist in delivering messages to students.

All electronic devices (cell phones, I-Pods, smart watches, earbuds/AirPods, or similar devices) must be kept silent and out of sight during the course of the school day. Students are encouraged to keep their cell phones in a secure location such as their lockers or cars during the school day to avoid the temptation of using them during class time or other inappropriate times.

Students SHOULD NOT use cell phones:

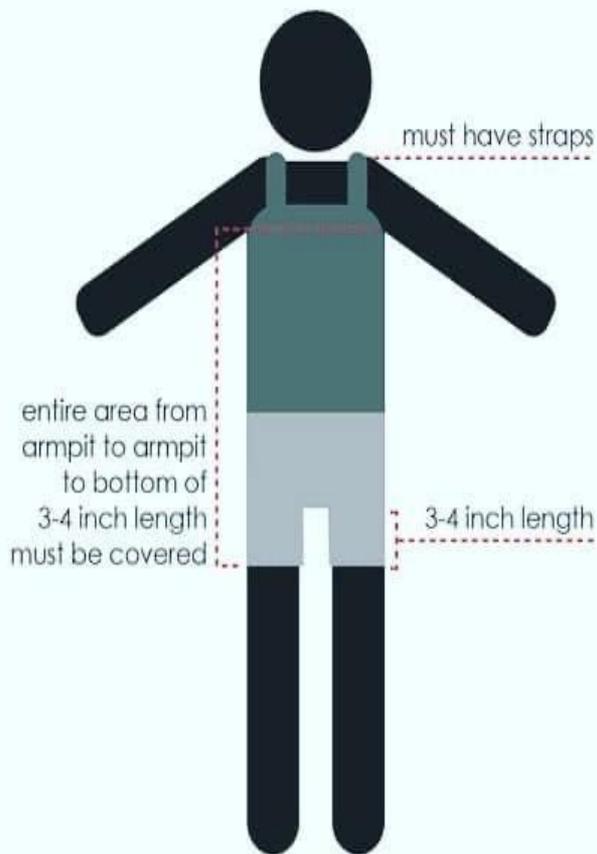
1. In classrooms unless permission is given by the teacher for educational purposes
2. In the hallways
3. In the locker room
4. In the restroom
5. To take pictures or videos of students and/or staff without their knowledge or permission
6. To send belittling, harassing, or threatening messages/posts about others
7. To communicate a problem or illness to a parent/guardian without consulting with administration or the school nurse first

Students MAY use cell phones while in the cafeteria at lunchtime provided that the cell phone is not used for:

1. Viewing material inappropriate for the school setting
2. Taking photos or videos of students and/or staff without permission
3. Making personal calls (a student may use the office phone for such purposes)
4. Any other purposes that would be in violation of any handbook policy (i.e. bullying, harassment, etc)

Violating any of the above could result in revocation of lunchtime privileges.

Students should also note that wearing earbuds/AirPods while in class (unless required for educational purposes) and in the hallways is not permitted for safety reasons. Students should always be able to hear staff for instructional purposes and emergency situations.



This infographic is a simple way to define the DRESS CODE expectations.

All students should be covered shoulder to mid-thigh. This applies to shorts and holes in jeans as well.

Students should not have:

- Exposed undergarments
- Drug, alcohol, or sexually explicit/suggestive clothing
- Hats, bandanas, sunglasses, hoods, or other head coverings
- Chains, spikes, sharp objects on clothing or as jewelry (SAFETY)

Violations will be handled in the least disruptive and most considerate manner possible. However, it is extremely helpful if dress code violations are caught before a student leaves home for the day.

What to do if you have a concern....

First

Classroom Teacher/Coach

Next

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Next

Principal

Last

Superintendent

Solutions are best reached when directly communicated to the appropriate school personnel.

Questions?

Contact info on lcusdl2.org

See you soon!

