

July 19, 2010

Dear Liberty High School Parent/Guardian:

About a week ago I sent you an introductory letter inviting you to call or email me with any questions, concerns, or general observations regarding Liberty High School (LHS). I have received numerous phone calls and emails welcoming me to LHS – thank you for that very warm reception.

Also, since that time, I have had a number of questions regarding the mandatory Standard Student Attire (SSA) policy that the LHS parent community adopted, in compliance with Clark County School District (CCSD) Regulation 5131, three (3) school years ago and, which is in effect for four (4) school years. Therefore, in the spring of 2011 the LHS parent community will have the opportunity to review the SSA policy including consideration of additional colors before determining whether or not to continue with SSA. I think it is therefore appropriate to communicate the SSA policy, which is mandatory, for the 2010-2011 school year to all parents and students, especially before you begin back to school shopping for clothes.

While I know the SSA policy may not necessarily be popular with some students, I do believe that first and foremost we must respect the decisions that were made by all those who participated in the decision. Furthermore, and in the spirit of transparency, I want you to know that I believe that a mandatory SSA policy contributes to the collective good for the school and the students. I believe that mandatory SSA policies promote school safety, which is always a concern, and a school atmosphere which is more businesslike and conducive to a serious learning environment as well as a more positive overall school climate. I would ask you, therefore, to work with me in assuring compliance with the LHS policy regarding SSA. As you may know, Liberty was the first high school in the CCSD to adopt a SSA policy and I know that it makes a positive difference.

Attached you will find the requirements for SSA at LHS as adopted by the CCSD Board of School Trustees. Please note that the Liberty High School SSA policy will be in full effect August 30, 2010 (the first day of the 2010-2011 school year) and will be strictly enforced. I again ask for your cooperation since non-adherence to the dress code results in needless loss of class time for students and teachers as well as administrators who are required to enforce the dress code.

Thank you again for the warm welcoming remarks that I have received and for your attention to this matter. Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call me personally at 799-2270, ext. 4100.

Sincerely,

Jeff Geihs
Principal

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDARD STUDENT ATTIRE POLICY:

All students are required to wear only one of four (4) solid colors for both tops and bottoms: red, white, navy, or khaki (tan). All exposed clothing must be one of these four colors only. For example, even the t-shirt underneath the outer shirt must be in one of the aforementioned four (4) LHS approved colors if it is exposed! Jeans or jean-like material is not permitted. Pullover sweat shirts and sweaters must be in the above solid colors with or without the Liberty High School logo.

The mandatory adopted SSA requirements for LHS are as follows:

BOYS	GIRLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants/shorts – any one of 4 solid colors. • No jeans or jean-like material. • Sweaters –no words and in one of the 4 solid colors worn over approved shirts with or without school logos. • Sweatshirts/sweat suits– no pattern and no words in one of 4 solid colors with or without school logos. • Shirts – one of 4 solid colors, no patterns and no words, long or short sleeved, with or without collars (collars preferred). • Ties permitted in any color or pattern with no words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants/shorts – any one of 4 solid colors. • No jeans or jean-like material. • Sweaters –no words and in one of the 4 solid colors worn over approved shirts with or without school logos. • Sweatshirts/sweat suits– no pattern and no words in one of 4 solid colors with or without school logo. • Shirts/blouses – one of 4 solid colors, no pattern and no words, long or short sleeved, with or without collars (collars preferred). • Shorts, skirts, or skorts in one of 4 solid colors. • Jumpers/dresses in one of 4 solid colors. • Tights/leggings in one of 4 solid colors worn under clothing at least finger-tip length.

ADDITIONALLY, LHS:

- Requires the wearing of shirts or blouses appropriately buttoned in accordance with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length must extend beyond the belt level at all times.
- Requires that all attire be hemmed or rolled up and at fingertip length. If shorts are worn, they must be hemmed and without fraying.
- Requires the wearing of shoes with soles. Bathroom/house slippers and flip-flops are unacceptable.
- Prohibits sagging. Pants must be worn above the waist.
- Prohibits wearing of tank tops, transparent/see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, and requires tops and/or outfits that provide minimum coverage.
- Prohibits the wearing of hats except for designated school approved uniforms at authorized athletic practices or activities.
- Prohibits spiked or studded clothing.
- Prohibits the wearing of spaghetti straps: and requires all sleeveless shirts to have straps at least three (3) inches wide and cover the shoulder.
- Prohibits spiked hair beyond two (2) inches in height.
- Requires the removal of coats, mittens, and scarves upon entering the classroom.

While jackets/coats are NOT REQUIRED in SSA colors, the wearing of jackets and coats in SSA colors is highly encouraged for students' safety so that we can more easily identify non-students on campus.

***Please note that all students, even those students in athletics and/or activities, will be required to be in SSA compliance every school day unless the school principal elects to have a "free" dress day (a dress day that reverts to the regular dress code as specified in CCSD Regulation 5131) for the entire student body. Specifically, it is not within the purview of coaches and/or advisors to wear attire specific to their sport or activity on a regular SSA school day unless it is in compliance with LHS's mandatory SSA.

Please remember that the LHS SSA policy will be in full effect August 30, 2010 (the first day of the 2010-2011 school year) and will be strictly enforced.

CONSEQUENCES

Students in violation of the mandatory SSA will be sent to the Deans' Office and be required to change into appropriate clothes before being allowed to attend class. The following progressive discipline will take place with students out of compliance:

1. First Violation

- a. The student is sent to the Deans' office.
- b. The student is warned.
- c. The student is required to change into mandatory SSA before returning to the classroom.
- d. Parent phone call takes place (RPC-A).

2. Second Violation

- a. The student is sent to the Deans' office.
- b. The student is required to change into mandatory SSA before returning to the classroom.
- c. The student is placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC-T (Temporary Removal from School)) at the conclusion of the school day and not permitted to return to school until a conference is held with the student and their parent/guardian.

3. Third Violation

- a. The student is sent to the Deans' office.
- b. The student is required to change into mandatory SSA before returning to the classroom.
- c. The student is placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC-T) at the conclusion of the school day and not permitted to return to school until a conference is held with the student and their parent/guardian. Administrative progressive discipline ensues.

*** Administrative progressive discipline begins when a student is initially referred to the Deans' office; therefore, each referral to the Deans' office becomes progressively more punitive.

Additional details related to LHS's SSA can be found on our school's website at:

<http://www.libertyhighpatriots.com/>. If you have any further questions regarding the LHS's SSA policy, please contact me directly or any member of my administrative team, so that we can continue to work together to ensure your child's safety and success.