

Dear Laurel Parents/Guardians:

With the school year just upon us, we look forward to the return of the students on Tuesday, August 29th. Student Dress and Attendance/Tardies will continue to be two major points of emphasis during the 2017 - 2018 school year. More detailed information regarding attendance can be found on page 5 and information pertaining to student dress can be found on pages 23 and 25 of the Laurel School District Calendar and Parent/Student Handbook. You will receive your School Calendar and Parent/Student Handbook in August. Specifically, the areas below will be targeted.

The following clothing will continue to be **PROHIBITED**:

- 1.) **Any stretch pants including but not limited to jeggings, yoga pants, spandex and tights etc.**
All tops that have been **altered, torn, ripped or have a hole, tops without sleeves**, and tops deemed too small or too large, i.e. tops that expose the midriff or go lower than mid-thigh. **TANK TOPS will be permitted during the months of August, September, May, and June.**
- 2.) Any bottoms that are **RIPPED, TORN OR HAVE HOLES.**
- 3.) Shorts, skirts, and dresses that are excessively tight, **and/or are more than three (3) inches above the knee.**
- 4.) Low cut tops that exceed three inches from the neckline of the wearer and do not have an appropriate undergarment or scarf that gains compliance.
- 5.) Coats, jackets, etc. or any other top designed as outside wear must be secured in a locker upon arrival to school.
- 6.) Any apparel, jewelry, tattoos or markings, accessories or manner of grooming, which by virtue of color, arrangement, trade mark, or other attributes to denote membership in a gang, advocates drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, violence, double meaning; sexual innuendo, ambiguous phrases or symbols, mesh or fishnet clothing. Any apparel that causes a disruption (i.e. Confederate Flag, bandanas) is not permitted.

FORMAL DANCE GUIDELINES

Homecoming Attire

- Gentlemen: dress pants and collared shirt; no jeans.
- Ladies: party dresses preferred; full-length gowns are too formal.
- Guests will be required to follow the Laurel Dress Code Policy.**

Prom Attire

- Formal wear is required—no jeans
- Gowns must not have bare midriffs or show excessive amounts of skin.
- Guests will be required to follow the Laurel Dress Code Policy.**
- **ALL PROM GOWNS MUST BE APPROVED BY ADVISORS**

COMMENCEMENT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

- 1.) Caps and Gowns are to be worn as issued and **unaltered.**
- 2.) Ladies: Must wear a dress (no shorter than 3" above the knee) or dress pants with an appropriate dress top (no plunging neck line). Dress shoes must be worn. **Absolutely no flip flops.**
- 3.) Gentlemen: Collared shirt with tie, dress pants, and hard soled shoes. ****Absolutely no tennis shoes, work boots or sandals.**
- 4.) **Failure to adhere to commencement dress guidelines may result in forfeiture of attendance to all commencement exercises.****

Please see reverse side for more information...

Please adhere to these points of emphasis from the Dress Code Policy stated in its entirety on pages 23 and 25 of the Laurel School District Calendar and Parent/Student Handbook.

The second point of emphasis this school year is Student Attendance/Tardiness. Page 5 of the Calendar and Parent/Student Handbook outlines the guidelines for Attendance and Tardiness. All students must be in 1st Period at the Laurel Jr./Sr. High School **by 8:00 A.M.** and in Homeroom at the Elementary School **by 9:00 A.M.** Those students reporting to school after the day has begun must sign in with a written excuse at the attendance office. The following aspects of Attendance/Tardiness will be specifically targeted:

TARDINESS

The following guidelines will be enforced for students for each quarter of the school year:

- 1.) On a student's third (3) tardy, a warning will be given.
- 2.) After four (4) tardies, a detention will be issued.
- 3.) After six (6) tardies, a Saturday detention will be issued.
- 4.) After eight (8) tardies, a day of Re-Assignment will be issued.
- 5.) After ten (10) tardies, a student will be suspended for three (3) days out-of-school and a parent re-entry meeting will be held.

ATTENDANCE

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are a problem that contributes to poor academic performance and student failure. The following guidelines will be enforced:

- ✓ After three (3) days of unlawful or unexcused absences you will be considered **truant** and a letter will be sent home as a notice.
- ✓ After six (6) days of unlawful absence you will be considered **habitually truant**. A mandatory attendance improvement conference will be scheduled.
- ✓ **On the first day of an unexcused absence or unlawful absence following the mandatory attendance improvement meeting, a referral will be made to Children and Youth Services and charges filed with the local magistrate.**

CUMULATIVE ABSENCES

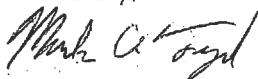
- ✓ At seven (7) days of **cumulative absences**, a warning letter will also be sent home.
- ✓ After ten (10) days of cumulative absences, notwithstanding vacation allowance, **a doctor's excuse will be required for any subsequent absence(s).**
- ✓ **After ten (10) days of cumulative absences in a semester class, or twenty (20) days in a year-long class, minus medical exemptions and vacation allowance, a student will not be given credit for the course, and or may not be promoted to the next grade level.**

Schools expect students to be punctual; employers demand punctuality. This expectation will enhance success in the workplace and in other aspects of a student's future endeavors.


****One additional safety focus: Elementary student dismissals and bus changes MUST be accompanied by a note and submitted to the office by 2:45 p.m. NO changes will be made over the phone. (Page 7)**

We look forward to greeting all Laurel students on Tuesday, August 29th.

Sincerely,


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Principal


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