



Lanett High School

Student/Parent Handbook 2019 - 2020

Anything in this handbook, which shall be in conflict with official school board policies, shall be null and void.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to Lanett High School, where it is our mission to provide a supportive and rigorous educational environment that produces responsible, self-motivated students who are prepared for the future. It is an honor to be a part of the rich traditions of academic and extra-curricular excellence that exist at our school. I encourage all students to become a part of this excellence by getting involved in clubs and sports, making positive contributions to our school and community, and always giving one-hundred percent toward academic coursework. Staff members at Lanett High School are committed to this excellence and strive to provide all students with individual guidance and support to reach their fullest potential. This handbook contains important information for all students and parents. I urge you to read it thoroughly and adhere to the expectations we have set forth. In doing so, you contribute to an environment that is safe and conducive to learning, helping staff to achieve the high expectations you have for us. Communication among students, parents, and staff is critical, so please ask questions and share concerns should they arise. I look forward to a great school year full of exciting challenges and learning opportunities. It is a great time to be a Panther!

Bryant Lumpkin, Principal

LANETT CITY SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF POLICY

The following policy is issued for the guidance of all students and personnel in the Lanett City School System:

“ No person shall be denied employment, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity, on the basis of sex, race, religion, belief, color, national origin, ethnic group, or handicapping condition. Equal access is provided to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.”

For information regarding the following programs, please contact individuals listed below by phone at 334-644-5900 or the Lanett City Board of Education office at 105 North Lanier Avenue, Lanett, AL 36863.

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VISION

Preparing LANETT students to

Live

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Lead

MISSION

Lanett City Schools will provide a supportive and rigorous educational environment that produces responsible, self-motivated students who are prepared for the future

ALMA MATER

*On the old familiar campus,
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
As the years go by.*

Chorus:

*“Forward ever!” Be our motto;
“Conquer and prevail!”
Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater,
Lanett High, all hail!*

*Stands forever thronged in beauty.
Holds its purpose high;
And that same old Alma Mater,
May it never die!*

DAILY SCHEDULE	
ACTIVITY/BLOCK	BELL SCHEDULE
First Bell	7:47
Homeroom	7:50 - 8:00
Block I	8:03 - 9:33
Enrichment	9:36 - 10:06
Block II	10:09 - 11:39
Block III	11:42 - 1:32
Lunch	LHS 1st Wave 11:45 - 12:05
Lunch	LHS 2nd Wave 12:10 - 12:30
Block IV	1:35 - 3:05
Detention	3:10 - 3:40

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is the belief of the Lanett City Board of Education that regular school attendance is important to all students and to the school system. It is further believed that course content and grading procedures should be structured in a fashion that regular attendance is necessary in order to complete course requirements successfully.

It should be recognized that the teachers are not required or expected to teach classes which students have missed. **Make-up work shall be arranged and completed by the student within a five (5) school day period upon returning to school after an absence.** In the case of extended absence, the individual teacher may adjust the five day rule as necessary. Make-up work will be allowed for truancy and or disciplinary suspension. **If the student fails to make arrangements with the teacher as outlined above, make-up work will not be granted. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with his or her teacher(s).**

10 DAY ABSENCE POLICY (STRICTLY ENFORCED)

High school students taking semester courses may have a maximum of ten (10) absences during the semester. Absences over ten (10) days will be excused only with a professional note. Any absences above this number may result in failure of the course/loss of credit. Only the board and/or superintendent may waive these standards. STUDENTS WHO HAVE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES ON THEIR RECORDS RESULTING FROM SKIPPING CLASS, JOBS, VACATIONS, SUSPENSION, ETC., WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A WAIVER.

Criteria for Excused Absences

- Pupil too ill to attend school
- Inclement weather which would be dangerous to the life or health of the pupil if he/she attended school
- Legal quarantine
- Death in the immediate family
- Medical appointments (Written verification)
- Emergency conditions as determined by the principal
- Prior permission of the principal and consent of the parent or legal guardian

A student who is absent from school for any length of time, even for part of a day will be required to bring a professional note or note from a parent or guardian explaining the absence upon returning to school. The student must obtain a pass after an absence that identifies the dates absent and the excused/unexcused status. Students that fail to bring an excuse should get an unexcused pass from the office. The student should present this pass to each of his/her teachers at the beginning of each class.

*All excuse passes should be obtained before the start of school/prior to the tardy bell on the day of return.

TARDIES

Students that are tardy to school for any reason, must report directly to the main office and a tardy slip will be issued to the student. The homeroom teacher will keep track of tardies to school and assign detentions or discipline reports as outlined in the ATTENDANCE Section of the district handbook. Punishments will follow the rules of the attendance policy. Tardies for attendance will start over each nine weeks with each student receiving two free tardies each nine weeks before counting for the attendance officer. Tardies for semester test exemption purposes will not start over each nine weeks as attendance and tardies are cumulative for the semester. **Tardies to each class will be handled by the individual classroom teachers.**

CHECK OUTS

Leaving school during the school day is discouraged. In the event a pupil needs to be checked out of school, a parent, guardian, or authorized person, must come to the main office and sign him/her out. Upon returning to school, your pupil must enter through the main office doors and he/she must be signed in by an office staff person. **Only the parent/guardian, emergency contact (s), or persons listed on the checkout authorization form will be allowed to check out a student.** If that information is not on file for the current school year, only the parent/guardians found in the students file will be allowed to pick them up.

There will be absolutely NO checkouts by note or phone allowed!

A student is allowed **3** checkouts per semester without penalty.

- Any student who checks out 4 or more times will need an excuse from a professional. (Doctor, dentist, counselor, etc.)
- Students who check out the 4th time without a professional excuse will be given 1 day detention.
- Students who check out the 5th time without professional excuse will be given 2 days detention.
- Students who check out the 6th time without a professional excuse will be referred into the attendance Early Warning system (a petition will be filed against the parent(s)/guardian).
- All students who check out after the 3rd time and do not have a professional excuse will get a zero in the class work they miss.

ACADEMICS

GRADING SCALE

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE

Students must earn at least six (6) credits each year to be promoted to the next grade level. Mid-year promotions will be reviewed and made as necessary. Conditions are as follows:

- To be promoted to the 10th grade, a student must have at least 6 credits at the end of their 9th grade year.
- To be promoted to the 11th grade, a student must have at least 12 credits at the end of their 10th grade year.
- To be promoted to the 12th grade, a student must have at least 18 credits at the end of their 11th grade year.

LANETT CITY SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

AREAS OF STUDY	REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
English Language Arts	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 or any AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent option of these courses <i>or</i> *English Essentials 9,10,11, and 12 <i>or</i> **AAS English 9, 10, 11, and 12	4
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II w/Trig or Algebra II, or their equivalent Additional courses(s) to complete the four credits in mathematics must be chosen from the <i>Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics</i> or Career Tech Education (CTE)/AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent course <i>or</i> *Algebraic Essentials A & B and Geometry Essentials A & B (students taking algebraic Concepts in Grade 9 are not required to take Geometry B). <i>or</i> **AAS Mathematics 9, 10, 11, and 12	4
Science	Biology and Physical Science The third and fourth science credits may be used to meet both the science and CTE course requirements and must be chosen from the <i>Alabama Course of Study: Science</i> or CTE/AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses <i>or</i> *Life Skills Science I, II, III, and IV <i>or</i> **AAS Social Studies 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Social Studies	World History, US History I, US History II, and Government/Economics or AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses <i>or</i> *World History for Living, US History for Living 10, US History for Living 11, and Economics <i>or</i> **AAS Social studies 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Physical Education	LIFE (Personal Fitness) One JROTC credit may be used to meet this requirement (in addition to the required JROTC course) <i>or</i> Adapted Physical Education	1
Health Education	Alabama Course of Study: Health Education <i>or</i> **AAS Pre-Vocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course.	½
Career Preparedness	Career Preparedness Course (Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy) <i>or</i> **AAS Life Skills	1
Career Technical Ed (CTE) and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education	Students Choosing CTE, Arts Education, and /or Foreign Language are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence <i>or</i> *two CTE courses and Workforce Essentials (or Transition Services II in school systems that do not offer Workforce Essentials). <i>or</i> **AAS Life Skills	3
JROTC IA		1
Electives	*Students earning core credit through the Essentials/Life Skills courses are required to take Cooperative Education Seminar/Work-Based Experience (or LS Occupational Preparation in school systems that do not have a Cooperative Education Program). **AAS Pre-Vocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course	2½
Total Credits Required for Graduation		25

Advanced Academic Endorsement requirement - two of the same foreign language

CTE Endorsement requirement - 3 CTE courses for the AHSD/Advanced Career and Technical Endorsement or the AHSD/Career and Technical Endorsement

*Course sequence for students with disabilities earning core credit through the Essentials/Life Skills courses

**Course sequence for students with significant cognitive disabilities earning core credit through Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS) courses.

Other:

1. All seniors will participate in a graduation ceremony once per year, usually in May.
2. Special Education students will receive their diploma only upon the completion of their attendance at LHS. These students may choose to graduate with their class, but their diploma will not be awarded to them at that time.

Progress Report & Report Cards – Release Dates

	DATES	PROGRESS REPORTS	REPORT CARDS
1st 9 Weeks	8/8/19 – 10/11/19	9/13/19	10/17/19 – <i>picked up by parent</i>
2nd 9 Weeks	10/14/19 – 12/19/19	11/18/19	1/7/20 – <i>sent home</i>
3rd 9 Weeks	1/6/20 – 3/6/20	2/7/20	3/13/20 – <i>picked up by parent</i>
4th 9 Weeks	3/9/20 – 5/21/20	4/17/20	<i>Mailed home</i>

ACADEMIC HONORS

A Latin Honor System will be used to recognize individual academic excellence upon graduation from Lanett High School. Using defined criteria of grade point averages, the levels of distinction include cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. Students will work to compete against these criteria and against fellow classmates for rank, including valedictorian and salutatorian recognition. Honors graduation status and rank will be determined by cumulative numeric GPA at the end of first semester of senior year.

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor): GPA of 95 and above

Magna Cum Laude (with great honor): GPA of 90 to 94

Cum Laude (with honor): GPA of 85 to 89

*GPA of 84.60000, 89.60000, 94.60000 will round to the next highest level of honors.

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

A senior must have been enrolled in Lanett High School for three years to be eligible to earn the title of Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their graduating class.

PROGRESS REPORTS & REPORT CARDS

Progress reports will be issued halfway through the nine weeks grading period. These reports inform students and parents of the grade in each of their classes at that time in the nine weeks. It will allow students to assess their success or lack of success in attaining the desired grade and improve their grade by the end of the nine weeks. Report cards will be given at the end of each nine-weeks recording period. Academic grades and conduct grades are denoted on report cards. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the parental portal which allows for instant access to student grades at all times. Progress report and report card dates TBA.

EXEMPTIONS

A student may be exempt from the semester exam in any class provided he/she has not been sent to ISS, OSS, or Saturday School during the class semester AND meets one of the following criteria:

1. He/she has a 95 numerical average or above, and has no more than three (3) excused absences and no more than (2) tardies in that class.
2. He/she has a 90-94 numerical average, and has no more than two (2) excused absences and no more than two (2) tardies in that class.
3. He/she has an 85-89 numerical average, and has no more than one (1) excused absence and no more than two (2) tardies in that class.
4. He/she has an 80-84 numerical average, and has no absences and no more than two (2) tardies in that class.

**Absences and tardies are counted for the entire semester to determine exemptions.*

CHEATING

Cheating on academic work will not be tolerated. When a teacher becomes aware that a student is cheating, the assignment (test, paper, etc.) will be taken up by the teacher, a zero (0) will be given for that grade or activity, the parents will be notified, and **the exemption for the semester test for that class will be forfeited**. Cheating is a class one minor offense and students are subject to consequences as outlined in the district policy.

COLLEGE DAY

Seniors will be allowed to take two (2) college days with prior confirmation by the admissions office of the school. Juniors will be allowed to take (1) under the same conditions. The students will be allowed to make up the work and the school will not count them absent. Confirmation letters with the student names should be presented to the principal at least one week prior to the absence. Arrangements should also be made with the counselor.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Seniors who have met the necessary requirements and are in line to graduate may take a community service class as the schedule allows during their senior year. Students taking community service will be required to donate sixteen (16) hours of volunteer service to a community agency. Service sites must be approved by the counselor or principal. Signed log sheets of community service must be submitted to the counselor each month.

CONDUCT GRADE

Teachers may assign student conduct grades at their discretion for the nine-weeks reporting period. Teachers will consider attitude, class behavior, and other factors connected with conduct.

CREDIT RECOVERY

In accordance with the guidelines of the Alabama Department of Education, the Lanett City School System offers students who have received failing grades in courses that are required for graduation an opportunity to recover the lost credit through a standards-based approach that will target specific knowledge and skill deficits instead of requiring the student to repeat the entire course. The Credit Recovery plan and applications are available in the guidance office. An \$80.00 fee is charged for a credit recovery course.

DISTANCE LEARNING VIA ACCESS/ONLINE COURSES

Some classes in the high school curriculum will be offered through the ACCESS distance learning program sponsored by the Alabama State Department of Education. The goal of Alabama ACCESS Distance Learning is to provide equity through additional educational offerings for all Alabama public high school students. Students will be expected to meet the course and time requirements as set by the ACCESS program and the individual teacher of the course as well as Lanett High School. This program allows Lanett High School students to take courses not offered in the in-house high school program as they prepare for college or their job future. Remedial classes are also available. Students who are interested should contact the counselor. Class offerings may be viewed at the ACCESS website found at <http://accessdl.state.al.us/>. Additional courses are also offered through other online platforms such as Odysseyware.

CAREER/TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The Career/Tech Program offers a variety of courses in business, family, and consumer science. JROTC courses are also available through our Career Tech Department. Students are also given the opportunity to enroll in courses at the Chamber County Career and Technical center if the schedule allows.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students who meet the entrance requirements for early admission to college will be allowed to attend college courses and earn credit at the college and at Lanett High School prior to graduation. Students who are interested in this program should contact the counselor.

EARLY OUT

Early out during the second semester is available to graduating seniors who are on track to graduate if they have met one of the following conditions:

- Attending college classes via the dual enrollment or early college enrollment program
- Planned educational or work experience
- Participating in a career mentoring program
- Community Service via the community service class when available

Documentation of participation in one of these programs will be required prior to being granted the privilege of early out. ***Seniors who are granted early release must exit the building and campus before the tardy bell for the next class. Abuse of these guidelines may result in schedule changes.***

COUNSELING PROGRAM

School Counseling Services

The following services are available to all students at Lanett High School through **individual counseling, group sessions and classroom guidance:**

Academic Achievement

- Academic Advisement
- College Planning
- Student Scheduling
- Standardized Testing

Career Development

- Four Year Planning (Kuder)
- College Fairs
- Career Awareness and Exploration
- Military Career Exploration
- Career Tech Guidance Counseling
- College Admissions and Financial Aid
- Dual Enrollment

Personal/Social Development

- Bullying Prevention
- Crisis Intervention
- Goal Setting
- Peer Mediation/ Conflict Resolution

Community/Parent Involvement

- College and Financial Aid Information
- Community Resources & Information
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Community Service

2019-2020 LANETT HIGH SCHOOL TEST DATES

9wks & Semester Exams

1 st 9 Weeks Exams	10/10/19 – 10/11/19
1 st Semester Exams	12/17/19 – 12/19/19
3 rd 9 Weeks Exams	3/5/20 – 3/6/20
2 nd Semester Exams	5/19/20 – 5/21/20

ACT National Testing Dates

September 14, 2019
October 26, 2019
December 14, 2019
February 8, 2020
April 4, 2020
June 13, 2020

ACT Work Keys (All seniors)

October 1, 2019 (*online testing window opens)
October 1, 2019 (*Paper Testing)

ACT Plus Writing (All juniors)

March 10, 2020 (*Paper Testing)

PreACT (All sophomores)

September 30, 2019 (*testing window opens)

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Uniform and Appearance

DRESS CODE

LANETT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Adopted: May 11, 2009 Amended: Sept. 14,
2009

School Uniform and Appearance Policy

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY

I. Purpose

The Lanett City Board of Education believes a safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a high performing school. The implementation of school uniforms will help minimize disruptive behavior, promote respect for oneself and others, build school/community spirit, and, more significantly, help to maintain high academic standards. The board also feels that the wearing of uniforms by students will help lessen the impact of socioeconomic differences. In addition, it allows for immediate identification of intruders on campus and encourages students to concentrate on learning rather than on what they are wearing.

II. Implementation Process

Students will be required to start wearing uniforms at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

III. Information Dissemination

School officials will communicate with parents/guardians concerning the uniform policy, including general guidelines for implementation, by using one or more of the following: newsletters, parent forums, PTO meetings, TV and radio announcements, flyers and web site.

IV. Appearance

In addition to being required to wear school uniforms, all students are to be well-groomed and dressed appropriately for school and school activities. A student's dress and/or appearance shall:

1. Support, not disrupt, the learning environment
2. Constitute no threat to health or safety
3. Be tasteful and unable to be construed as provocative or obscene
4. Reflect practices of good hygiene and cleanliness

Reasonable consideration shall be made for those students who, because of a sincerely held religious belief or medical reason, request a waiver of a particular guideline for dress or appearance. The waiver request shall be in writing from the parent or guardian and approved by the principal, principal's designee or a committee selected by the principal, on an annual basis. In considering a waiver request, the principal, principal's designee or committee members have the right to request additional documentation from medical officials and/or religious leaders.

Reasonable accommodation shall be made by the principal for students involved in special duties, activities, or projects approved by the school. This would include but not be limited to athletics, P.E. classes, special events, and other activities that require non-conforming dress on a school campus during a school-sponsored event.

V. School Uniform

The principal and/or principal's designee will implement the school uniform and appearance policy in a manner that is age and developmentally appropriate. Good judgment in considering issues such as age, developmental stages, and body type are expected of all students, parents, and guardians in the selection of school attire and appearance. School uniforms must be kept neat, clean and properly fitted.

A. Shirts

1. Solid white, black, navy or ecru (light tan) button front oxford, polo, turtleneck, blouse-type shirts with collar and sleeves (long or short).
2. A small, unobtrusive logo that can be covered with a quarter is acceptable
3. All tops must be long enough to remain tucked in as part of the uniform.
4. Undershirts must be solid black or white with no wording or pictures (t-shirts are considered undershirts)
5. No see-through or mesh clothing that will reveal the body or will reveal undergarments shall be allowed.
6. Clothing shall be worn as it was designed to be worn (not inside-out or backwards, etc.).
7. A solid white, black, navy or ecru crew-neck or v-neck sweater or sweater vest is permissible in cold weather (with appropriate shirt underneath).
8. No sleeveless, spaghetti straps, or tank top shirts are permitted; all shirts must have a collar.

B. Pants, Skirts, Skorts, Jumpers, Capri Length Pants, Shorts

1. Colors: solid khaki, black, or navy
2. No blue jeans (denim material) or stretchy pants are allowed (**see exception in *Other Uniform Requirements***).
3. Must be free of graphics and embroidery. With the exception of small labels, they may not have insignias, logos, words, or pictures. No rivets/studs on pants or pocket area.
4. Shorts, skirts, skirts and jumpers shall be modest and of sufficient length (The length of these articles of clothing shall preferably be knee-length, but absolutely no shorter than the width of a \$1.00 bill from the knee when standing).
5. No pants or shorts with pockets halfway down the legs will be allowed.
6. Clothing must be appropriately sized. No baggy or sagging pants or shorts are allowed. No "low rise" clothing is allowed. Pants may not be worn with the waistband below the hipbone.
7. Clothing shall be worn appropriately (not inside-out or backwards; no rolled up pants legs, etc.)
8. Appropriate uniform shirts must be worn under all jumpers and sweaters.
9. No see-through or mesh clothing that will reveal the body or will reveal undergarments shall be allowed.
10. Pants, etc. with belt loops will require a belt. Belts must be a plain black, brown, navy or clear belt with a plain belt buckle that is not oversized. All belts must be buckled.

C. Coats

Individual schools may make requirements for coats and coat storage.

D. Shoes/Footwear/Socks

1. All students shall wear shoes/footwear at all times.
2. Shoes/socks can be black, white, navy, brown, gray (not shiny silver) or a combination in color. At the secondary level (Jr. High and High School), a combination in color is defined as a solid colored shoe with a small amount of other board approved colors. Patterns; such as, polka-dots, camouflage, checks, stripes, other prints, etc. are not permitted at the secondary level.
3. Students may wear sandals, provided they do not interfere with the safety and welfare of the student and meet the color requirement for shoes.
4. Shoes shall be worn at all times, and, as needed, shoes shall conform to special requirements (such as P.E. classes, JROTC, science labs, etc.).
5. Shoes that have laces shall be laced and tied as designed.
6. No bedroom shoes shall be allowed.
7. No flip flops (or flip flop-type sandals) shall be allowed (**see exception in *Other Uniform Requirements***)

E. Other Clothing Items or Accessories

1. No gang-related clothing, accessories, symbols or intimidating manner of dress, as identified by local law enforcement agencies, are allowed.
2. No headwear and no sunglasses shall be worn inside school buildings.
3. No bandanas or du-rags shall be allowed.

F. Other Uniform Requirements

1. Students are expected to be dressed according to the uniform standards at all times when school is in session.
2. Students who are taking classes that require a special dress code (such as JROTC) may wear that uniform to other classes.
3. Students with a documented physical disability may request a waiver.
4. Students will be allowed to “dress up” for the following activities; however if they do not participate in the “dress up” activity, the approved school uniform dress will be required: Homecoming week, spirit week, other special occasions deemed appropriate by the principal.
5. Principals may allow exceptions to the uniform rule (not the dress code) one Friday each month for a specific grade level, class, or the entire student body, as a reward for good behavior, good grades, or other positive promotions (example: Flip Flop Friday, school-sponsored T-shirt Friday, blue-jean Friday etc.). Students must wear the school-assigned badge to indicate permission has been granted from school officials to wear non-uniform clothing.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN BY STUDENTS

- Wind pants/Sweatpants (allowed as part of PE uniform)
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Velour pants and tops
- Trench coats
- Over-sized or ripped clothing
- Bicycle shorts
- Excessively tight clothing
- Leggings/stretch knit/jeggings
- Overalls
- Carpenter’s pants
- Bellbottoms
- Denim or jean fabric
- Sleeveless tops/overcoats
- Clothing with slashes
- Un-hemmed clothing
- Flip Flops/Flip Flop type sandal
- Other clothing deemed inappropriate by the principal

Note:

*Any student’s dress or personal appearance that the administration believes is disruptive or interferes with a safe and secure learning environment will be dealt with on an individual basis. School administrators will use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of students’ dress.

ENFORCEMENT

Revocation of Shorts/Skirts/Skorts Privilege for Excessive Violations

If the principal determines that too many students have abused the shorts/skirt/skorts requirement the principal may revoke the shorts privilege at that particular school so that the entire student body will no longer be allowed to wear shorts/skirts, etc. to school for a specified period of time. The principal shall have sufficient documentation regarding uniform non-compliance. In such cases, the principal may elect to prohibit the wearing of shorts at that particular school during subsequent semesters or school years or reinstate the privilege of wearing shorts to school as the principal, in consultation with the faculty, may deem appropriate. Additionally, the principal may revoke the shorts privilege of any student who violates, twice in one semester, the provisions of the shorts requirements.

Students new to Lanett City Schools will be given a two week (10 school days) grace period from enrollment, to obtain and wear the proper school uniforms.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE VIOLATIONS

Appropriate disciplinary actions for violations shall include the following:

First Offense:

Call parent(s) to pick up student or to bring a change of clothes – (unexcused absence)

Second Offense:

Call parent(s) to bring a change of clothes – (unexcused absence)

Saturday school assignment or In-School suspension

Third (and additional) Offenses:

Call parent(s)

Saturday School assignment, ISS or Out of school suspension (truant)

***Excessive absences due to dress code infractions (including a trip home to change clothing) will result in truancy hearings and juvenile court referrals.**

LHS STUDENT DRESS CODE FOR CASUAL DRESS/DRESS DOWN DAYS

Some specifics are:

1. Hats, hoods, du-rags, stocking caps, bandanas, sweat bands, stretch bands, “beddies”, “wrap caps”, hair curlers, etc. are not allowed.
2. Students may not wear shirts, patches, or decals with vulgar, provocative, or suggestive pictures, gang symbols, or words.
3. Students must wear shoes at all times. Bedroom slippers, flip flops, or “slides” are not allowed.
4. Halter-tops, tank tops, backless tops, tops with thin or no straps, sleeveless tops, off the shoulder shirts, or tops that show midriff or expose the body are prohibited.
 - a. Dresses must meet the same style requirements as tops, as mentioned above.
5. Jerseys are not allowed unless a shirt is worn underneath. No shirts that have the sleeves removed are allowed.
6. No clothing shall be excessively low in the front or back. No excessively tight clothing is allowed.
7. No see-through blouses or trousers will be allowed. This includes see through apparel with other clothes underneath. Underpants should not be revealed at any time.
8. The length of shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must be no shorter than the width of a \$1.00 bill from the knee when standing.
9. All pants with belt loops require a belt. All pants must be worn properly above the waist. Shirttails must be tucked in.
10. No clothing should be worn displaying drug or gang insignia. (I.e. Snowman, Eastside, Westside, etc.)
11. Jogging suits, wind suits, “warm up” suits, or athletic shorts/pants are not allowed.
12. Torn, ripped, frayed, unraveled, or cut-off clothing is not allowed. No clothing with rips or holes of any kind should be worn.
13. Pullover hoodies/hooded sweatshirts are not allowed.
14. Other items not permitted: Leggings, tights, jeggings, stretch knit or stretch denim pants

Note:

**Any student’s dress or personal appearance that the administration believes is disruptive or interferes with a safe and secure learning environment will be dealt with on an individual basis. School administrators will use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of student’s dress.*

LHS JACKET POLICY

Students may wear a **waist length, all black, light weight jacket or sweater, or any school sponsored jacket** (light weight) at any time. All other jackets, heavy coats, outerwear, overcoats, etc. that do not meet these specifications must be placed in the student's locker prior to homeroom. **No exceptions.** Jackets should be sized appropriately. Failure to comply will result in a dress code violation being assigned.

1. Jackets may have a small unobtrusive logo that can be covered with a quarter.
2. No pullover hoodies or hooded sweatshirts of any kind are allowed! Hoodies are not to be worn on campus. A hoodie is defined as a pullover jacket with a hood that does not have a zipper or other type of opening in the front.
3. Leather, pleather, twill, wool, and puffer style jackets are considered outerwear clothing and must be placed in the student's locker prior to homeroom.

See an administrator if you have questions about a jacket prior to wearing it.

District policy authorizes each school to make rules regarding coats and coat storage. Continuous violation or abuse of these measures, which have been put in place to ensure that all students are comfortable, may result in the loss of individual student jacket privileges or school-wide changes to these allowances at any time. School administrator(s) or other assigned staff persons will use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of student attire.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Lanett City Board of Education believes that education is the basis for development of all our students. We further believe that for students to be able to receive effective, quality instruction, schools must be safe, orderly, friendly, and business-like and insure fair treatment and consistency. The Code of Conduct was developed to help students, parents and school personnel understand their roles and responsibilities in helping us to achieve this objective.

For comprehensive details, please refer to the district Code of Conduct, which can be found in its entirety in the LCS district handbook. This policy outlines specific rules of conduct and disciplinary action regarding offenses such as insubordination, disruption, possession of weapons and dangerous instruments, destruction of property or theft, fighting, smoking and tobacco products, narcotics and alcoholic beverages, firearms, gambling, fireworks, and *gang activity or association.

*All suspected gang activity or association will be reported to the juvenile court system.

DETENTION

Students may be assigned detention (before school, after school, or on Saturday) as a consequence of their behavior. At least one day's notice will be given. Transportation arrangements should be made ahead of time.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School is an alternative form of discipline used as a deterrent for negative student behavior. The goal of the disciplinary plan is to motivate the student to change their negative behavior patterns while making every effort to keep them in school. Specific rules and requirements will be provided to the student/parent upon the student being assigned to Saturday School.

ATHLETICS

Sports offered at Lanett High School:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Baseball
- Track and Field

AHSAA Requirements - ACADEMIC RULE

SECTION 9. ACADEMIC RULE.

Requirements

- (a) Students entering the 10th and 11th and 12th grades must have passed during the last two semesters in attendance and summer school, if applicable, at least six new Carnegie units with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those six units.
- (1) Four core curriculum courses must be included in those units passed and averaged. (English, mathematics, science and social studies are core curriculum courses. Any combination of these courses is accepted.)
- (2) Any student that accumulates more than four units of core courses per year may earn less than the required four core courses during the next school year and be eligible as long as the student remains on track for graduation with his/her class.
- (b) Students entering the 8th and 9th grades must have passed during the last two semesters in attendance and summer school, if applicable, at least five new subjects with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those five subjects and must have been promoted to the next grade.

Note: A new unit is one that has not been previously passed. A semester is half of a school year as defined by the local school system.

- (c) Students entering the 7th grade for the first time are eligible.

A student athlete must have the following documents on file:

- A birth certificate
- A current physical exam (offered at the school once a year)
- Star Sportsmanship
- Concussion Form
- AHSAA Participation Form

PANTHER ATHLETIC POLICY

1. Participation in the athletic program in the Lanett City Schools is a privilege, not a right. As an athlete, you are representative of your team, the school, and the entire community. Each athlete is expected to conduct him/herself in such a way that represents those affected in a positive, productive manner. Any conduct by an athlete resulting in an embarrassment to the team, school, community, or coaching staff shall be met with an appropriate degree of punishment as determined by the coach.
2. Our athletes will be expected to participate in the sports in which they can contribute.
3. We expect our athletes to work harder and have more commitment than our opponents. (Display Panther Spirit)
4. Respect will be shown to all teachers, coaches, administrators, and staff members.
5. Athletes will meet all Alabama High School Athletic Association eligibility requirements.
6. Any player while participating during the season will not wear inappropriate hairstyles.
7. Any athlete who missed practice without prior approval or emergency reason will have additional conditioning.
8. All players are responsible for equipment issued to them and will be accountable for loss or damage.
9. All players will keep their lockers organized and clean at all times.
10. Players will ride home on the bus after Friday night games. For emergency reasons and weeknight games, a release form must be signed by parent and responsible coaches.
11. Players may be required to practice during holidays and weekends while their sport is in season.
12. Use of tobacco/alcohol/drug products by athletes is prohibited according to the school district policy.
13. All players will wear only approved equipment and uniforms during games.
14. Any player that starts a sport and quits before that season ends, is ineligible to participate in another sport for the entire school calendar year.
15. If a student athlete is disrespectful to a coach, the administration has the authority to dismiss or suspend that athlete from the program.

PANTHER ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE

The responsible coach will determine penalties for violations of the responsibilities. The responsible coach will take the student before the Disciplinary Action Committee:

1. Disciplinary Action committee consists of the following individuals:
 - A. The head coach of the particular sport
 - B. Athletic Director
 - C. Principal or Asst. Principal of the particular school
 - D. A faculty member of the particular school
 - E. One additional coach from another sport
2. Types of punishment that may be set by the Disciplinary Action Committee:
 - A. Suspension from games and/or practice
 - B. Extra running before and/or after practice
 - C. Dismissal from the team
3. Any athlete who is in possession or under the influence of controlled substances (drug/alcohol) will be required to follow this procedure:
 - A. First Offense – 5 -day suspension. Before an athlete can be reinstated into school he/she must furnish proof of having received assessment from a referral program/agency approved by the school district.
 - B. Second Offense – Recommendation for expulsion
4. Reporting complaints is to be done in the following order:
 - A. The coach who has direct supervision over the sport.
 - B. The head coach of the sport in which the athlete was participating.
 - C. The Athletic Director of the Lanett City School district. (Note: If not handled at this level, the Athletic director will inform the student's principal that a complaint is being taken to the Superintendent.)
 - D. The Superintendent of Schools
 - E. The Board of Education of the Lanett City School District

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

BAND

A band policy manual governs the band. Band members must do satisfactory schoolwork. Attendance at all performances and rehearsals is mandatory unless the Director grants permission. All members of the band who can play instruments are expected to play in the concert band.

The band council consists of the band president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, librarian, drum major or majorette, assistant drum major or majorette, section leaders and transportation supervisor.

The drum major, assistant drum major, and color guard members must try out each spring regardless of experience or position. The drum major or majorette must have one year of marching experience.

Color Guards: The Color Guards are a part of the marching band and are subject to the direct leadership of the band director and other appointed staff.

CHEERLEADERS

The LHS Cheerleaders are chosen in the spring of the year after tryouts. They work during the summer planning for the following school year. The purpose of the cheerleading squad is to promote school spirit, lead spectators and students at athletic events, and encourage sportsmanship of students and spectators.

Varsity Cheerleaders will be chosen by judges in compliance with the cheerleader constitution. Students who try out for cheerleader must meet eligibility requirements for athletes as defined by AHSAA.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

FBLA contributes to a better understanding of the American Free Enterprise System through activities involving members in field trips to local businesses. Members participate in district and state contests as well as the SUSCC Business Tournament. FBLA at Lanett High School provides service to the community through such projects as the annual Thanksgiving food drive and scholarship awards to outstanding members. Membership is open to any student who is taking or has taken a business education course.

FCCLA

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is one of the largest Career/Technical student organizations in the United States. The organization encourages personal growth and leadership development in teenagers through family and consumer sciences classes. The organization is open to any student who is taking or has taken a course in family and consumer sciences.

JROTC PANTHER BATTALION

The purpose of the program is to develop each of our student's self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, leadership ability, and good citizenship. Their performance is expected to be of the highest standard both on and off the school grounds. They will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon themselves, their school, and their fellow JROTC cadets.

LANALA

The LANALA staff has as its purpose the production, financing, and distributing of the school yearbook. The LANALA staff is to supplement financing of the yearbook through ad sales, book sales, the beauty pageant, and other fund raisers as needed. The editor of the LANALA is selected as a junior or sophomore, to assume the position of co-editor during the junior or sophomore year, and to become editor during the senior year. All other members of the staff are volunteer workers assigned to drawing copy, selling advertisements, and selling yearbook subscriptions.

HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of the Lanett High School Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character. Membership is open to eleventh and twelfth grade students who have a minimum grade average of 90. Members must adhere to the code of conduct that has been established for this organization.

SCIENCE CLUB

The purpose of the Science Club is to encourage participation in science activities. Students will participate in field trips and science related activities that broaden their knowledge of science.

MATH CLUB

The purpose of the Math Club is to encourage participation in math activities. Students will participate in field trips and math related activities that broaden their knowledge of math.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, composed of an elected representative from each homeroom and the four elected officers of the student body, is an organization of the school that provides a line of communication between the administration and the student body.

The purpose of the Student Council is to supervise general activities of the school, to develop attitudes and practices in good citizenship, to improve student-teacher relationships, to cooperate in furthering the general welfare of our school, to promote and maintain high standards of conduct, to provide a forum for students' expression and to promote school morale. The Student Council is responsible for the election of class officers and the Homecoming activities including the voting, pep rally, parade, and game activities to crown the Queen.

Elections for general officers of the Student Council are held at the beginning of the school year. Representatives will be elected at-large from each class. Officers and representatives to the Student Council must meet the following requirements:

1. A "C" average
2. Not have been sent to ISS, OSS or Saturday School within the past calendar year for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses.

Student Council meets as scheduled during the school year. Members may miss two regular meetings. If a member misses more than two meetings, he/she will be placed on probation. After the third absence, the member will be removed from the council and the homeroom will appoint a new representative. Any meeting of the Student Council is open to the student body.

ROBOTICS CLUB

The Lanett High School Robotics Club participates in the BEST Robotics program. The program aims to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology, and mathematics. Students learn to analyze and solve problems utilizing the Engineering Design Process, which helps them develop technological literacy skills.

BETA CLUB

The Lanett High School Chapter of the National Beta Club promotes the ideals of achievement, character, leadership and service. Membership is open to eleventh and twelfth grade students who have a minimum grade average of 85 and have no in school/out of school suspension or Saturday school for the current school year.

<h2>ACTIVITIES</h2>

BEAUTY PAGEANT

Each year, LHS will host the annual Lanala Pageant provided there is adequate student interest and participation.

CONTESTANTS:

Female students may participate in the pageant provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Each contestant must have an overall C average for the year immediately preceding this year as determined by their permanent records.
2. Each contestant will be charged an entry fee.

WINNERS:

Impartial judges will select the following listed winners.

1. One beauty and four class favorites from each grade will be chosen.
2. An overall winner will be selected from the four class beauties. She will be crowned "Miss Lanala." The girl who wins Miss L.H.S. will not be eligible to win Miss Lanala. **Miss L.H.S. cannot be Miss Homecoming.**
3. Miss Lanala will not be allowed to repeat that title in her other high school years. However, she can compete for class favorite and class beauty in successive years.

ESCORTS:

Senior boys who meet the requirements for Mr. L.H.S. will be allowed to serve as escorts in the pageant.

CLASS OFFICERS

Within the first three weeks of school, each class (senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman) will elect class officers. Each class will elect a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Each candidate must write a letter of intent and sign a contract. Officers who do not fulfill their duties will be removed from office. The Student Council sponsor(s) is responsible for conducting the election of officers and a leadership orientation.

Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. A "C" average
2. On grade level
3. Not have been sent to ISS, OSS, or Saturday School within the past calendar year for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses.

HOMEcomings

Each student may make nominations from his/her grade. From this list a ballot of the ten most-nominated for each grade will be made. Students of each grade will vote for the class court. The queen and three representatives shall be from the senior class. The junior, sophomore, and freshman classes each elect three representatives to the court. In case of a tie, both girls will be on the court.

Homecoming Court Representatives must meet the following requirements:

1. A "C" average
2. On grade level
3. Not have been sent to ISS, OSS, or Saturday School within the past calendar year for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses
4. Must have been in our school system the school year before the election

The Queen shall be the senior having the highest number of votes from grades 9-12. In case of a tie, both will be crowned. **Miss Homecoming cannot be Miss L.H.S.**

JUNIOR – SENIOR PROM

In the spring of the year, the junior class will host a junior-senior prom for the senior class. The junior class led by their class officers, sponsors, and prom committee will plan and decorate for the prom. Juniors and seniors must purchase prom tickets for themselves and their dates. The price of the tickets will be determined each year.

Juniors and seniors will be escorted in the lead-out by their dates (9th grade and above). The lead-out will be held in the LHS Auditorium with guests entering only with lead-out tickets or paid admission. The prom will be attended only by juniors, seniors, their dates, teachers and designated chaperones. Students below the ninth (9th) grade may not attend the prom. Dates may not be married or older than 21. Students must adhere to the pre-determined dress code. *Detailed guidelines will be provided.*

MR. AND MISS L.H.S.

The following requirements must be met before students are eligible to become Mr. or Miss L.H.S.

1. Candidates must be seniors.
2. Candidates must have been in our school for two consecutive years.
3. Candidates must have at least a B average on their permanent record card.
4. Candidates must have participated in at least one activity per year and have contributed freely of their time and talents toward bettering their school.
5. Candidates must not have been in ISS, OSS, or Saturday School within the past calendar year for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses.
6. The faculty will screen senior students' eligibility according to the above qualifications and provide a list of qualified seniors.
7. The faculty will vote on a ballot in which the top five boys and top five girls will be chosen.
8. A faculty committee will interview the top five boys and top five girls and will choose the boy and girl who best represent Lanett High School.
9. Miss LHS may not compete for Homecoming Queen.
10. Candidates must meet the guidelines and requirements for candidacy as outlined by LHS administration and staff.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

School publications including newspapers will be developed and distributed under the direction and supervision of the principal and sponsor. Students must refrain from printing anything that might contain obscene language or libelous materials. Students have the right to editorialize in any school publication.

ADVISEMENT SESSIONS

All LHS students will participate in advisement sessions during the enrichment period once per month. Students will be assigned to their enrichment group by grade levels or by specific need. In each session, the teacher will lead students in discussion and activities that will aid the student in having an overall successful educational experience at the secondary level and in their post-graduation endeavors. Topics include but are not limited to tracking of student data, self-monitoring of progress in class, goal setting, and organization.

MISCELLANEOUS

OPENING OF SCHOOL

Lanett High School will open for students to enter the building at 7:47 A.M. Students will be allowed to come into the lobby before school opens beginning at 7:00 A.M. They will be dismissed to the cafeteria for breakfast at the appropriate time. All students must enter through the high school lobby entrance from the student parking lot. Student drivers (and their riders) are not allowed to sit in their cars. They must exit their vehicles immediately and go to the designated area. Students arriving to school late should enter via the front office lobby. **Students found in unauthorized areas at any time will face disciplinary consequences.**

MEDICATIONS

All medications must go through the school nurse. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them at any time.

CAFETERIA

Parents wishing to apply for free or reduced lunch are required to complete an application for their student(s) every year. Only one application per family is required. All students from the household can be listed on one application. This application must be completed and turned in within the first two weeks of school.

All students must eat in the cafeteria. Students who prefer to do so may bring a lunch from home but it must be eaten in the cafeteria. **Students are not allowed to have food in the cafeteria from a fast food restaurant or school vending machine. No cans, bottles, or soft drinks may be carried into the cafeteria.** A maximum of four students may sit at a table. Students are expected to exhibit good manners and good conduct at all times in the cafeteria. Each student is responsible for returning his/her tray to the return window. All tables should be left clean and free of napkins and milk cartons. Breaking in line, rowdiness, and loudness will not be tolerated and students who do those things will be subject to disciplinary action.

Prices for breakfast and lunch are as follows:

Student Breakfast: \$1.10	Student Lunch: \$2.10
Student Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30	Student Reduced Lunch: \$0.40
Employee Breakfast: \$1.75	Employee Lunch: \$2.75
Visitor Breakfast (Child): \$1.75	Visitor Lunch (Child): \$2.75
Visitor Breakfast (Adult): \$2.00	Visitor Lunch (Adult): \$3.00

PIN numbers are issued to students by eligibility and are not to be used by anyone other than the person to whom it is issued. Improper use of lunch numbers will result in disciplinary action. **The Child Nutrition Program is not allowed to charge meals.**

STUDENT FEES

Students are encouraged to pay all fees in a timely manner. Student accounts should be cleared by the end of the school year in which the fees were incurred.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Office telephones are to be used for official school business. Please do not call the school with messages for students unless it is a true emergency. Likewise, **students will not** be allowed to use the school telephone except for a valid reason. Arrangements for a child to go home in the afternoon should be made before the child leaves for school in the morning. Messages will not be delivered to students during the day unless it is an absolute emergency.

CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student use of cellular phones, other communication devices/electronic devices including smart watches, beepers, radios, CD players, ipods/mp3 players, headphones, air pods, etc., on Lanett City School grounds during school hours is **strictly prohibited**. This includes before school, breakfast, lunch breaks, class changes, study halls, P.E/athletics, waiting for buses, and any other time during a normal school day. **Devices should remain off and out of sight at all times.** Teachers may allow students to utilize headphones/earbuds during class for academic purposes only. Consequences for offenses will include the following:

- 1st Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and parent may pick it up 24 hours later. In case of weekends or holidays, it may be picked up on the next school day following the weekend or holiday.
- 2nd Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and held until the last day of the current semester. The device must be picked up by the parent. No devices will be released to students.
- 3rd Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and held until the last day of the current semester and the student will receive three (3) days of ISS.
- 4th Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and held until the last day of the current semester and the student will receive three (3) days of OSS.

**Students that fail to turn in an electronic device upon request will be assigned consequences.*

**Please note that phones not picked up by June 1, 2020 may no longer be kept on hand.*

Neither the local administration nor the school board assumes the responsibility for loss, theft or destruction of cellular phones or electronic devices.

VEHICLES ON CAMPUS/PARKING

Students who bring their cars, motorcycles, or bicycles to school must drive at a safe rate of speed and park in the student parking lot in front of the building. Students are not to park in any areas assigned for faculty and staff use. No student is allowed to go near bicycles, cars, or motorcycles until school is dismissed or permission is granted from the principal's office.

Students are not to sit in their cars before school. When arriving at school, students should park their vehicles and go directly to the building to designated areas.

All licensed student drivers that drive a vehicle to campus must obtain a \$5.00 parking permit from the main office. Students must register tag number of vehicle to be driven on campus upon permit purchase. Permits should be hung from the rear view mirror and must remain visible at all times. It is the student's

responsibility to complete a vehicle registration for a new car or any car driven to campus. Failure to comply will result in immediate disciplinary action and/or tire lockdown.

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

This is to certify that I have received and reviewed the student handbook with my child.

Name of Student

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date