

STUDENT DRESS

The Augusta Board of Education recognizes that the primary responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The board will not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a disruptive influence on the school program or affect the health or safety of others.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of Augusta schools to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced.

- A. All clothing will be free of language or images that a reasonable person would consider sexually indecent or harassing.
- B. All clothing will be free of language or images that promote things that are illegal for students to use.
- C. All clothing worn should present no safety hazard to the wearer or be destructive of school property.
- D. Clothing may not be revealing (for example, tops that reveal the midriff or cleavage; clothing that exposes underwear or private body parts, and skirt lengths that are shorter than 5 inches above the top of the knee cap, etc.).
- E. Hats, hoods and visors may not be worn in school buildings.
- F. Traditional religious dress will be dealt with on an individual basis.

School administrators or teachers may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain extracurricular activities, work with or around machines or other activities.

Students who are not appropriately dressed will be asked to change. A student who violates the dress code after being warned, shall be disciplined.

City of Augusta, Department of Public Schools

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