

STUDENT DRESS

The Board recognizes that responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). While the Board recognizes that students' mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference, it believes that reasonable regulation of student dress and adornment is consistent with its responsibility to maintain an environment conducive to student learning. The Board will not interfere with the personal choices of students unless they create a disruptive influence on the educational program or affect the health, safety or dignity of others.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in choices of dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of the school unit to provide an effective, safe, healthy and non-discriminatory learning environment the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced:

- A. Articles of clothing that promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds when school is in session or when participating in or attending school-sponsored activities.
- B. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
- C. Clothing that is revealing or suggestive may not be worn.
- D. Wearing of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) is prohibited.
- E. Buttons, insignias, or other displays with messages, symbols, or depictions that ridicule, mock, or otherwise demean or provoke others because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry or national origin, or disability are prohibited.
- F. Clothing and accessories that are destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) are not permitted.
- G. Clothing that draws undue attention to the wearer so as to detract from the educational process (e.g., hats, hoods worn over the head, or sunglasses worn indoors after arrival at school) is not permitted.

Students who are not appropriately dressed will be asked to change or modify their clothing. A student who further violates this policy will be disciplined.

RELIGIOUS AND HEALTH ACCOMMODATIONS

Where the religious belief or documented health need of a student conflicts with the student dress policy, reasonable accommodations will be provided on an individual basis. Any student desiring accommodation should notify the school principal. Head coverings worn as part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.

OTHER EXCEPTIONS

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. However, no particular brand may be required.

School administrators or teachers may approve for special purposes or activities the wearing of items that would otherwise be prohibited (e.g. hats with school logo for "Spirit Days").

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Superintendent is responsible for the development of any administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

The building principal/designee is responsible for enforcement of this policy.

Student handbooks may include examples of prohibited clothing, footwear, and accessories.

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