

## 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 immodest, revealing or sexually suggestive is not permitted. Clothes must cover undergarments when standing, walking, sitting or bending. All tops must cover the shoulders, back and the midriff.
- D. Wearing of clothing with displays that are vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) is prohibited.
- E. Clothing and accessories that are destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts, long heavy chains) are not permitted.
- F. Clothing must be weather appropriate. Jackets and coats that are intended to be worn outside are not to be worn during classes (jean jackets and fleeces are examples of acceptable attire that can be worn in class).
- G. For safety reasons, clothes that fall below the soles of the wearer's shoes are prohibited.

- H. Hats in the high school can only be worn in the hallway. Hats are not to be worn at any time in the middle school.

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.

Coaches and advisory may set more stringent standards of dress for players and participants.

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

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

The building principal shall be responsible for enforcement of this policy and shall have the authority to determine appropriateness of dress. Students who violate this policy may be asked to change clothes, provided clothes to wear, or sent home for appropriate clothing. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action.

A student who is in doubt about the appropriateness of an article of clothing should bring it to school and ask the principal for a determination.

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