

## **5511 DRESS AND GROOMING**

Articles of clothing that present a health or safety hazard or cause a substantial disruption of the educational process will not be allowed.

The following dress code serves the legitimate educational interest of prohibiting dress that would likely disrupt the educational process:

1. Clothing must be clean, in good condition, and worn as intended and designed. Good judgment should be executed in dressing. Skintight clothing, along with other inappropriate dress that is distracting and interferes with the educational process, is not acceptable.
2. Safe footwear must be worn.
3. Revealing tops must not be worn. Undergarments are not acceptable as outerwear.
4. Sunglasses may not be worn.
5. Obscene or suggestive graphics and phrases, and messages favoring substance abuse or illegal activities, are not permitted.
6. Any garment/accessory that may be dangerous to persons/school property is prohibited.
7. Headwear must be removed upon entering the building.
8. Shorts may be worn from April 15 through October 30.
9. Skirts and shorts that are distracting and disruptive to the educational process are prohibited.
10. Costumes and athletic uniforms are not permitted unless prescribed for special occasions.
11. Expensive clothing or items should be left at home. School will not assume responsibility for any stolen or lost items.
12. The building administration has the right to restrict attire which is dangerous or so inappropriate as to interfere with the learning process.
13. The dress code may be temporarily suspended under the authority of the Building Principal for special occasions. Some examples of these occasions could include, not be limited to: pep rallies, school pictures, Halloween, etc.

The Board believes school dress can influence pupil behavior and enhance a school's learning environment. Therefore, the Board adopts a School Uniform Provision of this Dress and Grooming Policy to require pupils at the following school(s) to wear a school uniform:

### Grades Pre-K through Grade 6

The uniform includes a navy blue golf shirt with school insignia, khaki tan color pants, skirts, shorts or skorts (excluding cargo design), worn at the waist level and safe footwear. (For example, the following are not permitted: backless shoes, "heelies", unsecured footwear.) This regulation designates that the shirt be tucked in. On days when students are scheduled for physical education classes, they may wear grey sweatpants. Regulation school sweaters may be worn when needed.

### Grades 7 – 8

The uniform includes a navy blue golf shirt with school insignia, khaki tan color pants, skirts, shorts or skorts (excluding cargo design), worn at the waist level and safe footwear. (For example, the following are not permitted: backless shoes, "heelies", unsecured footwear.) This regulation designates that the shirt be tucked in. Students may wear regulation grey sweat pants with LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL lettering down one leg. No cargo pants, other sweat pants, skinny jeans, leggings, athletic pants or stretch pants are permitted. Regulation school sweaters may be worn when needed.

### Grades 9 – 12

Students have a choice of red **or** black uniform shirt with khaki tan bottoms **or** regulation black sweat pants with the **KEARNY** lettering down one leg (*with or without the name of a sports team included on the pants*). No cargo pants, other sweat pants, skinny jeans, leggings, athletic pants or stretch pants are permitted. A quarter zip pullover with the KHS insignia is permitted during the winter months.

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