

SCHOOL DRESS - STUDENT

School personnel have the responsibility to protect the health and safety of students and to maintain proper and appropriate conditions which promote learning. Based on the belief that school is a place of business where students are learning both academic and social skills, the School Board requires that students dress appropriately. In accordance with the purpose of the dress code, no student shall present himself or herself to school in a manner which is likely to cause disruption. The school, in its discretion, shall prohibit any clothing, jewelry, or similar attachments which it deems to have a substantial and material disruptive effect on the school atmosphere. School clothing should be appropriate as to time, place and weather. Any form of dress or appearance which disrupts or distracts from the purpose or conduct of school, considered contrary to good hygiene, or threatens the safety of one's self or others will not be permitted.

Generally

1. Students shall wear appropriate clothing and footwear and groom themselves for school in a manner which does not offend the common rules of decency or reflect negatively on or distract from any phase of the educational program. Appropriate dress is clothing that covers the body sufficiently so as not to attract excessive attention to oneself.
2. Messages on clothing, jewelry, person and personal belongings that relate to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, vulgarity, violence or that reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry are not permitted.
3. Any article of clothing, footwear, jewelry, or other accessory that suggests, identifies, or otherwise promotes "gang" related activities will not be permitted.
4. For health and safety, appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Bare feet are not acceptable.

Decisions regarding the appropriateness of clothing, footwear, and accessories will be made by the building principal or a designee. Items initially deemed inappropriate will be called to the parent's attention for corrective action. Students may be required to call home for a change of clothes and/or will be assigned to In-School-Suspension for the remainder of the day. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in further disciplinary action.

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Guidelines

The following guidelines are examples that are intended to be age appropriate for students in kindergarten through grade 12. They include but are not limited to:

1. Any item of clothing, jewelry, etc. which is distracting or dangerous will not be permitted. Any article of clothing that represents potential danger to one's self or others will not be permitted.
2. Footwear must be worn at all times and should be appropriate for normal activities. Tennis shoes are appropriate.
3. Hats, visors, head scarves, bandanas, and sunglasses (unless required by physician) may not be worn inside the building.
4. Shorts/dresses/skirts must be of appropriate length; very short shorts, such as the thin nylon, athletic type shorts with side slits or biker shorts, are not acceptable. The hem of shorts/dresses/skirts must hang below the extended fingertips when standing.
5. Shirts or blouses should be of sufficient length so that they may be tucked in the waistband.
6. No undergarments (including boxer shorts) should be showing or worn as outer garments.
7. Strapless tops, tops with "spaghetti" straps, tube tops, bare back or bare midriffs style, mesh or "fish net" style apparel are not permitted. If sleeveless garments are worn, underwear may not show.
8. Clothes with holes in areas exposing private areas or underwear is not permitted.
9. Pants or shorts shall be appropriately sized and worn and secured at the natural waistline. Clothing which hangs on the body below the waist will not be allowed even if covered by a shirt. The crotch of the clothing must fit at the natural crotch of the person.
10. T-shirts or any other articles of clothing that have imprints of writing, symbols, slogans, or pictures that clearly relate to alcohol, drugs, sex, profanity, vulgarity, violence, or promotion of (or interpreted as promotion of) racial prejudice may not be worn.

11. Clothing usually worn outdoors such as heavy coats, jackets or gloves should not be worn in the building.
12. Accessories, typically referred to as “animal jewelry,” such as heavy chains, dog collars, or spiked collars are not permitted.

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