

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Personal Appearance

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students will not be required to dress in a fashion that would violate their religious or ethnic beliefs. Students and their parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Exclude or reflect that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, plunging necklines (front and/or back), and see-through garments which are not appropriate. When concerning dresses, skirts and shorts: The length of a skirt, dress or shorts must be a minimum of half the distance between the fingertips and the top of the knee when the student's hand is fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
3. Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing; therefore, trousers will be at waist level.
4. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
5. Not include the wearing of hats or scarves/bandanas except for a medical or religious purpose (Matter of Jimenez, 9 Ed. Dept., Rep. 172).
6. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on matters of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
7. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
8. Not depict or suggest association with a gang/cult.

While school authorities may require students participating in physical education classes to wear certain types of clothing; e.g., sneakers, white socks, shorts, tee shirts; they should not prescribe a specific brand which students must buy.

Dissemination of Dress Code Expectations

Each principal or his/her designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the Student Dress Code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the Dress Code made during the school year. Schools may modify dress code with the approval of the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Consequences of Violating the Dress Code

Students who violate the Student Dress Code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending items, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

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