

Stoughton Area School District

Guidelines: District Handbook, Building Handbooks, River Bluff Parent Handbook and High School Parent Handbook and Activities & Athletics Handbook (updated: 1/1/19)

Appropriate Apparel

Important Appropriate Apparel Items to Note:

- The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and their parents or guardians. Students have the responsibility to dress appropriately for school and wear safety or special purpose equipment whenever it is required. Each student has the right to determine personal dress within the guidelines as long as the clothing is appropriate, clean and safe. Any student whose attire does not meet the Appropriate Apparel guidelines may be asked to fix the situation or be sent home with parent notification to change clothing.

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants, skirt, shorts, or the equivalent and shoes (State Law) in and around school at all times. Shoe features must be both safe and non-destructive to school property.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric that covers the front, back and sides (under arms).
- Clothing must cover undergarments (waistband and bra straps excluded). Pants, skirts, shorts, or the equivalent must be worn at or above the hips.
- Fabric covering all private parts and / or undergarments must not be see through.
- Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the student's face and ears to be visible.
- Clothing must be suitable for scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, industrial technology, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco / nicotine, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups.
- Clothing, including gang identifiers or depictions of violence, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.

Backpacks/Bags/Personal Items

Students may carry a pencil case and /or binder that contains their pencils, pens, calculators, and other small items to class. Backpacks, purses, gym bags, drawstring bags, briefcases, blankets and other similar personal items are to be placed in the student's locker throughout the school day.