

## PROCEDURES

Student Dress Code

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The intent of the Board of Education in enacting a student dress code is to promote a good academic environment, maintain discipline, and prevent disruption of the educational process.

While the Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming may be a manifestation of personal style and individual taste, any type of dress or hairstyle that is disruptive, distracting, unsanitary or unsafe is prohibited.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. Clean clothing shall be worn.
2. Bare midriffs, halter or tank tops, strapless or spaghetti strapped tops, bare backed tops, swimwear, pajama tops or bottoms (including flannels), pants length excessively touching the floor, mesh (see through) clothing, frayed clothing, holes ripped in clothing, are considered improper for the classroom. Clothing must cover from the shoulders to fingertips (fingers should not touch skin).
  - a. All apparel must **FIT** properly – no low cut or excessively tight shirts, pants or skirts that exposes or draws unusual attention to breasts, buttocks or genitals – no spandex. Undergarments shall not be visible. No showing of cleavage is allowed. The waistline of pants **will** be worn on the waist/hips.
  - b. Jewelry and accessories are permissible as long as it is not excessive and does not distract from the educational process. **Prohibited items include but not limited** to dog collars, heavy chains, wallet chains, pierced jewelry that connects one body part to another, or any other jewelry or accessories that pose a safety concern.
3. Hats, except as necessary to fulfill religious obligations, bandanas, jackets, coats and outer wear shall not be brought into the classroom, or worn during school hours, except for students entering or exiting the building.
4. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, notebooks or grooming, which, by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, insignia, logo, symbol, slogan, or other attribute, denotes membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, disruptive or criminal behavior is prohibited.
5. It is the Procedures and obligation of the School Board to encourage a drug-free environment in the school setting, to reduce the pressures to use drugs, and to promote respect for rules and laws prohibiting drugs. Drug use among students creates a climate that is destructive to learning and disrupts the maintenance of an orderly and safe school conducive to learning. Therefore, garments, buttons and patches which advocate or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs are prohibited.

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6. Students shall not wear clothing, patches, or buttons which contain profane, provocative, vulgar or obscene suggestions, including, but not limited to, descriptions or representations of sexual acts, excretory functions, nudity, swear words, expletives, offensive language or symbols (including symbols/groups advocating violence against people due to gender, race, religion or ethnicity).
7. For safety/health reasons, students are required to wear shoes/soled footwear. Accessories unsafe for the person, damaging to floors/furniture, or too noisy shall be avoided.
8. Students shall not wear hairstyles, clothing or other apparel which substantially or materially interferes with school operations and/or activities; disrupts classwork/educational process; creates disorder; hinders discipline; impinges on the rights of students or employees; or constitutes a threat to health or safety.

Interpretation and enforcement of this code remains with the individual school authorities. The administrative staff retains primary responsibility for enforcement while the remainder of staff bears responsibility for reporting apparent violations. Nothing shall prohibit any staff member from notifying students of apparent violations and requesting compliance. Proper dress relative to age of student (elementary) should be taken into consideration.

School authorities may exercise discretion to apply dress code standards to meet fads which may interfere with the operation of school or impinge upon general health, safety and welfare of students and school employees.

**PENALTIES**

If a student violates the dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the attire or hairstyle which violates the dress code. A student who continues to violate the dress code will be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures, including suspension from school, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.