

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

ADOPTED: September 24, 2012

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board also recognizes that some forms of dress are not appropriate or create a disruption or distraction to the learning environment.
2. Authority SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11 Title 22 Sec. 12.11	<p>The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or constitute a health or safety hazard.</p> <p>Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>All students shall be groomed and dressed appropriately for school and school activities. A student's dress and/or appearance shall not disrupt the learning environment or constitute a threat to health or safety. It shall reflect practices of good hygiene and cleanliness.</p> <p>District administration reserves the right to question any mode of dress that is beyond established school rules or in any manner jeopardizes the health or safety of the student or other students.</p> <p>Reasonable consideration shall be made for those students who, because of a sincerely held religious belief or medical reason, request a waiver of a particular guideline for dress or appearance. The waiver request shall be in writing from the parent/guardian and approved by the building principal or designee on an annual basis. In considering a waiver request, the principal or designee shall have the right to request additional documentation to support the request.</p>

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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>Pol. 325</p>	<p>Reasonable accommodation shall be made by the principal for students involved in special duties, activities, or projects approved by the school. This would include but not be limited to athletics, career and technical education, P.E. classes, special events, and other activities that require nonconforming dress on a school campus prior to/during a school-sponsored event.</p> <p>The building principal and his/her staff shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming, and to enforce Board policy and school rules governing student dress and grooming.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.</p> <p>Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate, by example, positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 325</p>
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