

Because a relationship between one's appearance and behavior does exist, attire for students must be reasonable, appropriate, modest, and not distracting from the important task of learning. It is also understood that what is reasonable and appropriate is also affected/influenced by the ages and physical development levels of students; therefore, the Board of Education gives site levels (elementary, intermediate, middle school and high school) the ability to add specific details to dress codes to be approved by the Board in site level handbooks.

Though school site handbooks must be referred to for specific, site level dress code policy, the wearing of the following apparel is prohibited at ALL schools and/or at school-sponsored activities for safety and security guidelines for appropriate dress:

- Attire that reveals the chest, such as net/mesh shirts, transparent blouses, shirts, or dresses
- Attire that exposes a bare midriff
- Gang dress, such as bandannas; hats or headgear; gang related jewelry; attire, symbols, or paraphernalia identified by police and/or school officials as gang related; gang related colors or color combinations, clothing causing disruptions to the school day
- Satanic cult dress and related symbols identified by police and/or school officials as cult related
- T-shirts, sweatshirts, & other clothing and paraphernalia with profanity or suggestive slogans related to the use of drugs, alcohol, sex or violence
- Halter or tube tops
- Obscene or vulgar jewelry; multi-fingered rings; spiked or ringed neck collars
- Clothing with holes above fingertip or mid-thigh must not show skin or undergarments. Shorts & skirts must be fingertip or mid-thigh length.
- Pajama type or bedtime wear, house shoes
- Jeans, slacks or pants worn below the waistline or "sagging"
- Unbuckled belts or overall straps, or belts hanging out in excess of 12 inches
- Trench coats or dusters or excessively long pants that cover the shoes onto the floor
- Sunglasses, caps, hats, or head coverings, gloves, mittens, or other hand coverings may not be worn or carried in the building during school hours
- Hair picks or rat combs may not be worn in the hair or carried on one's person
- Pocket/wallet chains in excess of 12 inches in length
- Spandex, boxer, or bicycle shorts are not permitted.
- If leggings are worn, another garment must be worn over them that is fingertip or mid-thigh length.
- Jeans or pants with rips that expose bare skin or undergarments and are higher than midway between one's knee and the top of the thigh are not allowed.
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Any student deemed in violation of the dress code will be required to find clothing that meets the code or will be sent home to correct the situation. Failure to comply will be grounds for disciplinary action.

Class time missed due to dress code violation is considered an absence.

Building Administrators will determine the appropriateness of attire.

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