

## STUDENT DRESS

The Board recognizes that responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The Board will not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a disruptive influence, per the criteria outlined below, on the school program or affect the health or safety of others.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of the school unit to provide a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced.

The following are prohibited as it relates to clothing, footwear, and accessories:

- A. Items that promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs;
- B. Items that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang;
- C. Items with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd, violent, indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs). The school administration has the authority to prohibit other logos, pictures or messages which they determine to be in violation of the Board's nondiscrimination or harassment policies, or disruptive to the school's learning environment.
- D. Items that are destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture).

Students are required to wear footwear at all times. Footwear should be appropriate for the school setting.

School administrators or teachers may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain extracurricular activities, work with or around machines or other activities. However, no particular brand may be required.

The Superintendent is responsible for the development of any administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy in accordance with Policy JK.

Cross Reference: AC – Nondiscrimination  
ACAA – Harassment/Sexual Harassment of Students  
JK - Student Discipline  
JIC – Student Code of Conduct  
JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety

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