

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices affect their safety or the educational program within the schools.

Therefore, the manner of dress must not create classroom disorder or distract others. The administration reserves the right to restrict or prohibit any manner of dress or apparel judged to be inappropriate, a distraction to the learning environment, or apparel that presents a safety hazard. The following guidelines have been established to assist parents and students in selecting the proper dress for school:

1. Students may not wear apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances (e.g., drug, alcohol or tobacco products). In addition, students may not wear clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane, or inappropriate as judged by the administration.
2. Students may not wear strapless, see-through, one shouldered, off-the-shoulder, or halter tops. Additionally, bustiers, tops with cut-outs or shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed are not permitted. With arms raised, all shirts must cover the midriff. Proper attire should include undergarments. However, undergarments may not be visible or worn as outerwear.
3. Tank tops or sleeveless tops with straps may be worn but the top must fall reasonably close to the neckline, as judged by the administration and fall directly below the underarm to insure the torso and undergarments are not exposed inappropriately.
4. No sunglasses may be worn during the school day unless medically prescribed and approved by an administrator.
5. Students may not wear short skirts or short shorts. Shorts and skirts must have a reasonable distance from the knee but should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Ripped jeans are also considered inappropriate.
6. Students are not permitted to carry or wear hats or outerwear, such as winter coats, rain coats, heavy jackets, or varsity jackets, during the school



day. Windbreakers or lightweight jackets that are part of a uniform or a warm-up suit are permitted.

7. Ski masks are not permitted to be worn in school. Any similar type of hats or hoods that hide the face are not permitted and will be confiscated.
8. No sweatbands, headbands, scarves, bandannas, do-rag kerchiefs, or large jewelry chains may be worn on any part of the body, on backpacks, or visibly displayed in any other fashion while in school unless approved by the administration for religious or medical reasons.
9. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that are clearly pajamas, slippers or sleepwear.
10. Students may not wear gloves of any kind.
11. Students may not wear articles of clothing that are inappropriately altered, soiled, ill-fitting, or considered by the administration to be inappropriate and/or unsafe for school activities.
12. Any jewelry that is sharp or studded is not permitted in school.

Two jewelry items including religious items may be affixed to the body or clothing or worn on a chain. The chain shall be considered part of the piece that it supports. A chain worn alone shall constitute one item worn. A pin or pendant shall not exceed one inch on any one side, measured, if irregularly shaped from tip to tip. The following items will be considered inappropriate for school: non-jewelry chains, wallet chains, studded bracelets and the like.

13. Footwear may include shoes, sneakers, or sandals that are secure to the foot. Flip-flops, slides, and slippers are not permitted.
14. The administration may permit changes in the policy to address special occasions or emergent conditions.

Gym Wear

The Sayreville War Memorial High School student dress code for Physical Education class is:



1. Sneakers and sweat socks.
2. Shorts or sweat pants which are loose fitting and allow for free movement (tight shorts, pajamas or pants of any kind are not permissible).
3. Sweatshirts and tee shirts that are loose fitting and allow for free movement (clothing which is considered a safety hazard, constrictive or distracting is prohibited).

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