

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. 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.

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. The following examples are provided for parent/student reference:

1. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be a minimum of a cut above the mid-thigh.
2. Pants must be worn in a manner that underwear is not exposed.
3. Holes in pants, shorts, or jeans must be mid-thigh or below.
4. Low cut/revealing/transparent shirts are not acceptable. Clothing must cover the torso and undergarments. No tank-tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, or cut-off tanks.
5. No hats, hoods, headbands or other head coverings or coats, capes or other outerwear in school.
6. Sandals, flip-flops, and open-toed shoes will not be permitted in laboratory and shop areas, or in physical education classes. Bedroom slippers are not permitted in the building at any time.
7. No clothing, jewelry or any other attire that present a health or safety concern or that advertise or advocate the use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other illegal behavior; lewd, profane or obscene language or messages; and messages that disrupt or create a reasonable apprehension of disruption of the educational program, including messages that advocate violence and mayhem, criminal behavior or the violation of Board policy and messages that have as their sole purpose the harassment and/or intimidation of others in the school community.

Note: Students violating any of these regulations may be removed from class until a suitable change of clothing can be obtained from home or provided by the school. Clothing will be provided in the office when available in the form of t-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. Students may be sent home for non-compliance. In addition, after-school detentions or suspension will be issued in accordance with the discipline code and progressive discipline for dress code violations after one initial warning.