

Students**Student Appearance**

A student's appearance, including dress and hygiene must not disrupt the educational process, or compromise standards of health and safety. The District does not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. Students who disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety must modify their appearance. Procedures for guiding student appearance, will be developed by the Superintendent or designee and be included in the Rockford Public Schools' Student Discipline Code and Student Handbook.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25 and 5/10-22.25b.

Tinker v. Des Moines Ind.Sch.Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1996).

CROSS REF.: 7.10, 7.130, 7.190

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