

STUDENT DRESS CODE

A student's style of dress and/or grooming may reflect individual preference; however, such preferences must be selected within the constraints of reasonable rules and appropriate standards that are conducive in creating an atmosphere of effective learning and good personal hygiene. The Board recognizes that individual students have a right to free expression and that right must be balanced with the Board's responsibility to provide a safe, secure and orderly educational environment for all students. Although the Board wishes for each student to accept responsibility for following the rules in the "Student Dress Code," it understands and appreciates both the authority and responsibility of the parent/guardian relative to student dress. The Board solicits the support of parents/guardians in the enforcement of its dress code. The Superintendent or designee will develop and publish the rules in accordance with this policy.

General Rules

The following decorations and/or designs imprinted upon or attached to the body or clothing are prohibited:

- Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms that convey crude, vulgar, profane, violent, death-oriented, gang-related, sexually explicit, or sexually suggestive messages.
- Symbols, mottoes, words or acronyms advertising tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia.
- Symbols, mottoes, words or acronyms identifying a student as a member of a secret or overtly antisocial group or gang or that identify a student as a member of an organization that professes violence or hatred toward one's fellow man.

Permitted clothing shall be worn as designed/manufactured.

All students participating in approved school activities are expected to comply with required dress and personal appearance regulations of the activity in which they are participating. Students who refuse to dress as required by the school or sponsor will not be permitted to participate in the activity or to represent the school in any way.

Upper Garments

The cut of sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments (sports bra or bra of any kind) or be otherwise immodest. Sleeveless garments must not be torn or ragged on the edges and fit properly on the person wearing the garment.

Sleeveless garments will not be worn by male students exposing their arm pit area.

Strapless garments are prohibited. Shoulder straps of permitted garments must be a minimum of the width of two fingers of the person wearing the garment.

Bare midriffs, immodestly low cut necklines which show cleavage, or are off the shoulder, or bare backs are prohibited. Garments must be of appropriate length, cut and/or fit to meet these requirements while sitting and/or bending.

Lower Garments

Undergarments shall not be visible. Spandex shorts or other similarly tight clothing are not permitted. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be properly fitted and may not be shorter than mid-thigh.

Headwear

Hats/Beanies/Hoods etc. are not allowed during the school day, from starting bell until ending bell.

Footwear

Students shall wear appropriate footwear for protection and hygienic reasons. Certain classes may require students to wear certain types of footwear to be able to participate.

Accessories

Jewelry and other accessories shall not convey prohibited messages as defined above. Jewelry/accessories that pose a safety concern for the student or others are prohibited.

Religious, Health, or Political Accommodation

Where a bona fide religious belief, political belief or health need of a student conflicts with the school dress code, reasonable accommodation shall be provided. Any student desiring accommodation shall notify the school principal in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's bona fide religious or political practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.

Penalties/Sanctions

Students and their parents/guardians have the responsibility to be aware of any school specific dress codes and to conform to those requirements after the school has provided reasonable notice. Students who elect not to conform to the dress and grooming rules set forth by this policy will be subjected to disciplinary actions. Violators will be asked to change; they will be assessed an Unexcused Absence for the classes missed by having to go home and change. Continual violation of this policy will result in further school action.

Unusual Circumstances

If any unusual situation relative to dress or grooming arises which is not specifically covered in this policy, the school administrator(s) shall have the authority to rule on the appropriateness of the attire