

Policy 221 – Dress and Grooming

Purpose

The Board wants students to develop pride in their appearance and recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

Authority

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.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

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.[\[2\]](#)

[The Board directs district staff to support students experiencing educational instability by waiving penalties related to a delay in compliance with Board policy or school rules related to dress and grooming.](#)[\[5\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent will develop procedures to implement this policy which ensures:

1. The building principal or designee will be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming and to enforce Board policy and school rules governing student dress and grooming.
2. Staff members will be instructed to demonstrate, by example, positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty and good sense in attire and appearance, [as well as compliance with Board policy and school rules related to dress and grooming.](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)
3. Ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum, necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.[\[2\]](#)

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 1317.3](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 12.11](#)

3. Pol. 325

4. Pol. 425

[5. Pol. 251](#)