

Student Dress

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) encourages students to dress in clothing appropriate to the school situation. The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent/guardian. The Bethany Public School District is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not increase marginalization or suppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, or body type/size.

Restrictions on freedom of student dress may be applied whenever the mode of dress in question:

1. is unsafe either for the student or those around the student,
2. is disruptive to school operations and the education process in general,
3. is contrary to law.

No restrictions on freedom of dress and adornment will be imposed which:

1. reflect discrimination as to civil rights,
2. enforce particular codes of morality or religious tenets,
3. attempt to dictate or adjudicate style or taste,
4. do not fall within the direct or implied powers of the Board.

Any restriction on the way a student dresses must be necessary to support the District's overall educational goals.

The Board directs the Superintendent to promulgate Administrative Regulations in furtherance of this policy.

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