

## **SUBJECT: STUDENT DRESS CODE**

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Individuality in dress is a matter of personal choice, but it will not be permitted to interfere with, disrupt, or distract from the activities of the school. Students and their parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and other District personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

The following requirements for appropriate dress shall apply:

- A student's clothing must not include items that are, or are perceived to be, vulgar, obscene, libelous in nature or offensive to others because of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
- A student's clothing must not include items that promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and substances, weapons and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Students must recognize that extremely brief garments are deemed inappropriate.
- Students must ensure that undergarments are completely covered with outer clothing.
- Students must wear footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
- Students in grades Kindergarten through eight may not wear hats, hoods, visors, head gear, scarves or bandanas except for a medical or religious purpose. Students in grades nine through twelve may wear head coverings as long as it does not shield the face. Upon a reasonable request by a staff member, students will remove head coverings.
- In classes such as science, technology, art and physical education, the Board also requires students to wear appropriate protective gear or prescribed types of clothing such as athletic footwear and shorts.

Each building principal or his or her designee will be responsible for informing all students and their parents/guardians of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year.

Students who violate the dress code will be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and to, if necessary or practical, replace it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so will be subject to discipline, up to and including, in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code will be subject to further discipline, up to and including, in-school suspension. Inappropriate head coverings will be confiscated and returned only to parents/guardians.

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**SUBJECT: STUDENT DRESS CODE (CONT'D.)**

This purpose of this policy is to inform students that they will not be prevented from attending school or a school function, or otherwise be discriminated against, so long as students' dress and appearance meet the above requirements.

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Reviewed by Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction on 1/11/2024 with no recommended changes; BOE reviewed and agreed on 1/23/2024.