

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Bristol Warren Regional School District sets forth the following dress code for all schools, grades PK-12. *The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and their parents or guardians.*

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- a) Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes.
- b) Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides (under the arms).
- c) Clothing must cover undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded).
- d) Fabric covering breasts, genitals and buttocks must be opaque.
- e) Any clothing must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff.
- f) Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, engineering, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- g) Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- a) Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- b) Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.
- c) Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups.
- d) Clothing, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.
- e) Hats, head-coverings, jackets, coats, and gloves will not be worn in classes unless part of a school-wide function, health/medical reasons and/or inclement classroom temperatures as determined by the teacher/administrator. Students must remove their head-coverings upon entering the building. (Religious head-coverings are exempt.)
- f) Sunglasses will not be worn in school buildings unless required for medical reasons.

School administrators shall have final discretion in determining if a student's attire or grooming threatens the health or safety of any other person, or disrupts the educational process.

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