

Policy

DRESS AND GROOMING

The purpose of this student dress code is to promote high standards of conduct and behavior among students, to instill a sense of personal pride in students, and to develop and maintain a wholesome learning environment that will contribute to academic achievement. The Board of Education acknowledges that proper dress and attire is an important part of the school program. The Board also recognizes that each pupil's mode of dress and grooming is an expression of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/legal guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, with the following limitations. These limitations have been established to ensure a safe, effective, and wholesome learning environment which will contribute to the learning and academic achievement of all students.

- A. In order to ensure the safety of the students: no flip-flops, mules, or studded collars or bracelets will be allowed. Sneakers must be worn in physical education class. Additionally, to maintain consistency with the health concerns promoted in the Haworth Public School curriculum, clothing promoting the use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs will not be permitted.
- B. Choices regarding dress, attire, and grooming shall not adversely affect the school program. Dress should not affect the students' opportunity to engage in the learning process. For example, hats, visors, bandanas, hoods, or sunglasses will not be permitted.
- C. As part of the effective learning environment acceptable dress shall be neat, clean, and modest. The following dress does NOT adhere to these requirements:
 - 1. Halter tops and spaghetti strap shirts, (ALL shirts and blouses must cover the abdomen; shirts must be long enough to be tucked into pants or skirts);
 - 2. Shorts and skirts that are shorter than the length of the extended hand;
 - 3. Exposure of any under-garments (ALL clothing should be appropriate outerwear and worn in a proper manner);
 - 4. Any clothing that expresses sexist, racist, obscene or violent messages.

This policy shall be reviewed periodically. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to develop and enforce regulations to implement this policy.

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Cross References: *5131 Student Conduct and Discipline
 *5142 Student Safety

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.