

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Board recognizes that responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Students should use sound judgment by reflecting respect for themselves, the district, and others in dress and grooming. The Board shall not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a disruptive influence on school programs or affect the health or safety of others. Students shall not be prevented from attending school or a school-sponsored activity because of appearance if style, fashion, or taste is the sole criterion for such action.

**Prohibitions**

The District prohibits students wearing or carrying clothing, jewelry, book bags, or other personal articles on school property and/or at school-sponsored activities, regardless of location, that:

1. Is reasonably likely to substantially disrupt the educational environment or operations of the school;
2. Poses a health or safety risk to staff, students, or others;
3. Depicts profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, or violence;
4. Is destructive to school property and/or causes excessive maintenance problems (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture);
5. Is intended to identify the student as a member of a gang; or
6. Promotes illegal activities and/or the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal drugs.

Administration shall make reasonable efforts to notify students of these rules. Students in violation of any portion of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the district’s student conduct policies.

School administrators may require students that work with or around machines, or participate in physical education classes, extracurricular activities, or other activities to wear certain apparel which meets reasonable health and safety standards as established by the Board. Administrators may not prescribe a specific brand that students must buy.

The District will seek to accommodate cultural, religious, and ethnic differences in dress and grooming, provided such dress or grooming does not materially or substantially disrupt the educational process of the school or create a health or safety hazard for students, staff, or others.

All students who participate in a high school commencement ceremony are expected to dress in an appropriate manner. The cap, gown, tassel, and shoes are all required. No other personal additions shall be allowed other than school-issued stoles of honor without prior permission from the administration.

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