

### **Tier 3**

Bringing any weapon onto a Newark City Schools vehicle; fighting; sexual harassment; any other infraction that makes it unsafe to operate a Newark City Schools vehicle.

Immediate removal from the bus and consequences to be determined by the building principal and the Transportation Supervisor

### **TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS BY PRIVATE VEHICLE**

When transportation by district vehicle is either not available or feasible, there may be a need to provide transportation to student by private vehicle. However, no students will be permitted to ride in a private vehicle unless written consent is provided by each student's parent using Form 8660 F2 – Parental Consent for Transportation by Private Vehicles. Upon request, parent(s)/guardian(s) of participating students will be given the name of the driver, the owner of the vehicle, and the description of the vehicle.

### **SECTION VII- DRESS CODE**

The purpose of the dress code is to establish limits on extremes in student appearance and to promote a safe and friendly environment that accepts all students. We want the focus of attention to be on student learning, not what the student chooses to wear to school. We all recognize the impact of clothing designers and while some things may be looked upon as attractive, those items are not always appropriate to the school environment.

Students are expected to maintain a neat and well-groomed appearance. This expectation can be met at any income level. We suggest that students can meet this expectation with school spirit wear. We also suggest that students can meet this with clothing that fits well, is clean and maintains a positive self-image for the student.

#### **DRESSES**

Dresses may not be shorter than the mid-thigh area. Strapless dresses are prohibited at school. All dresses must have a minimum of "lasagna straps" and must cover to the under arm area.

#### **FOOTWEAR**

All students must wear some type of soled footwear at all times. This is a safety and health issue. Shoes with laces are to be tied. Shoes should be comfortable and safe for all school activities. Closed-toed shoes are advisable for safety during recess and physical activities; otherwise, sandals may be worn. Rollerskates, rollerblades and shoes with wheels are not permitted.

#### **HATS**

Hats and head coverings are not to be worn in the buildings. Hats promoting sex, drugs, racial slurs and ethnic intimidations, alcohol, tobacco, profanity and violence are prohibited at all times. Hats may be worn on special days established through the principal's office and, if permitted, those that are in the school spirit area are encouraged.

Bandanas and “do rags” are prohibited at all times.

### **JEWELRY**

Please limit jewelry worn to school, particularly necklaces and chains so that it does not get lost or cause injury. Excessive, bulky, or extreme jewelry is not permitted. Jewelry or accessories with spikes or other potentially dangerous features are prohibited.

### **JEWELRY PIERCINGS**

Extreme and or excessive piercing is not appropriate at school. Excessive and/or extreme piercing can lead to health issues with potential for infection and injuries.

### **PANTS**

Pants must be properly fitted to stay on at least the hip area. Underwear of any kind should not be visible. Holes in pants should not be revealing and no holes are to be above mid-thigh area. Excessively baggy fitting pants and jeans are not to be worn to school. Students would meet this requirement with cloth twill pants, jeans or dress slacks.

### **SHIRTS, TOPS AND SWEATERS**

Low cut, see-through, mesh tops and shirts are prohibited. Underwear must not be showing.

Sleeveless shirts and sweaters may be worn. The shirt must be “lasagna strap” at a minimum and armholes must fit to the underarm area.

Showing the midriff area even with arms raised, is prohibited.

Shirts, blouses, and sweats that promote, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, racial slurs and ethnic intimidation and violence are prohibited. School spirit wear is encouraged in shirts, blouses, and sweaters.

### **SHORTS**

Shorts are to be no shorter than mid-thigh. Shorts, like pants, should be properly fitted at least at the hip area. Shorts should not be excessively baggy or excessively tight. Underwear must not be visible.

### **SKIRTS**

Skirts may not be shorter than the mid-thigh area.

### **GENERAL GROOMING AND DRESS**

Hairstyles that are extreme and that cause a disruption to the learning environment are prohibited.

Chains worn on belts and out of pockets are prohibited. Chain necklaces that are extreme are prohibited.

Clothing, jewelry and tattoos of any kind that depict gang affiliation or ethnic slur or intimidation are prohibited. This would include, but is not limited to, medallions and tooth grills.

Students are urged to give proper attention to their personal hygiene and cleanliness. Personal hygiene and cleanliness have a very strong impact on student self-image as well as acceptance among their peers.

Makeup is not appropriate for elementary school.

### **DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUPS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Students who are representing the school at official functions or public events may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, band, orchestras and choirs. This would include students representing the school on field trips as well as involvement in civic/government events.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

All school staff will be involved in the dress code enforcement. Students who may be considered in violation of the dress code will be referred to the principal or his/her designee for final decisions. A student found to be in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to return to class until the dress code issue is corrected. Students refusing to comply with the dress code policy may have increasing levels of punishment under the standards of the Student Code of Conduct. Students may be required to wear some school-provided clothing to complete a school day.

## **SECTION VIII – ACTIVITIES**

### **DISTRICT-SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES (Policy 2430)**

The Newark City Schools provide students the opportunity to broaden their learning through curricular-related activities. A curricular-related activity may be taken for credit, required for a particular course, and/or contain school subject matter. The board authorizes many student groups that are sponsored by a staff member.

Extra-curricular activities do not reflect the school curriculum, but are made available to students to allow them to pursue additional worthwhile activities such as recreational sports, drama and the like.

All students are permitted to participate in the activities of their choosing, as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. Participation in extra-curricular activities, including interscholastic sports, is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, the Newark Board of Education authorizes the superintendent, principals, and assistant principals and other authorized personnel employed by the district to supervise or coach a student activity program, to prohibit a student from participating in any particular or all extra-curricular activities of the district for offenses or violations of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which the offense or violation of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code took place.