

3. Approved student drivers may not transport other students to school-sponsored activities unless the parent of the approved student driver and the parent/guardian of the student to be transported in the approved student driver's vehicle provide written authorization from the student to drive or to be transported and released from liability using Form 5512 F2- Parental Authorization and Release Form Liability Form which is approved by the principal.
4. All vehicles entering school property are subject to search and inspection.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in loss of privileges and/or disciplinary actions for a student.

## **SECTION VII- DRESS CODE**

### **DRESS CODE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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. Middle school students are required to conform with the following dress code which calls for khaki or black pants, shorts or skirts and a white, black, crimson or gray three button or full button collared shirt. We want the focus of attention to be on student learning, not what the students are wearing to school.

Please remember that school administrators have final authority to decide if clothing complies with the district's dress code.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR ASSISTANCE:**

Students qualifying for federally approved free or reduced lunches may be provided with assistance in obtaining the required dress code wear through written request to the school principal. Assistance provided may be limited to the availability of locally donated resources.

#### **PANTS**

**Colors:** khaki or black

**Fabric:** cotton, cotton blend, denim, or twill; **no sweatpants, or yoga pants**

The size of the pants must be appropriate to the size of the student's body and not be oversized or undersized. Pants must be properly fitted to stay on at least the hip area. Denim may be worn if they are black or khaki, not faded, and have no holes or decorative embroidery or design. Leggings or tights may only be worn underneath skirts or shorts. Leggings or tights under skirts or shorts must be solid colors crimson, white, gray, or black. No holes in pants will be permitted. Underwear of any kind should not be visible.

#### **SHORTS**

**Colors:** khaki or black

**Fabric:** cotton, cotton blend, denim, or twill; **no sweatpants or yoga pants.**

**Length:** Shorts must extend between mid-thigh and just above the knee.

The size of the shorts must be appropriate to the size of the student's body and not be oversized or undersized. Shorts, like pants, should be properly fitted at the hip area. No holes in shorts will be permitted. Underwear must not be visible. Leggings

or tights may only be worn underneath skirts or shorts. Leggings or tights under skirts or shorts must be solid colored crimson, white, gray, or black. Even with leggings or tights underneath, shorts must still meet length requirements.

## **SHIRTS**

**Color:** solid colors of white, crimson, black or gray

**Style:** polo-style shirts with collars, polo or full button, sleeveless shirts prohibited. The size of the shirt must be appropriate to the size of the student's body and not be oversized or undersized. Underwear must not be showing. Showing the midriff area even with arms raised is prohibited. Polo or full button shirts must be buttoned up to within one hand's width of the collarbone. Sheer or see-through blouses are prohibited.

Shirts that promote, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, racial slurs and ethnic intimidation and violence are prohibited.

**Note:** Schools could permit students to wear school sponsored T-shirts on school spirit days designated by the principal. In addition, middle schools have the option of adding one or two shirt colors to reflect their school colors.

## **SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS, SCARVES AND JACKETS**

Students may wear crew neck sweaters, sweatshirts or cardigans that are of the solid colors of crimson, black, white or gray over their polo or full button shirt. All sweatshirts must have a collared shirt of the approved color underneath because many students are removing their sweatshirts during the day. At the high school, hoodies of the policy approved solid colors may be worn when students are in the buildings on campus throughout the day. Sweaters and sweatshirts should have no writing or graphics unless they are Newark City Schools related spirit wear.

Jackets may not be worn when students are in the buildings on campus without permission from the Principal.

## **SKIRTS**

**Colors:** khaki or black (No denim)

**Style:** Straight or pleated; no slits

**Length:** Skirts must extend between mid-thigh and just above the knee.

Leggings or tights may only be worn underneath skirts or shorts. Leggings or tights under skirts or shorts must be solid colored crimson, white, gray, or black. Even with leggings or tights underneath, skirts must still meet length requirements.

## **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 need to be worn for safety during recess and physical activities; otherwise, sandals may be worn.

Roller skates, 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SPECIAL DAYS**

The administration may declare a special day for fundraising, spirit days, etc. and will announce any deviations from the dress code.

## **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 their designee for final decision. 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 discipline under the standards of the Student Code of Conduct. The administration reserves the right to make decisions about appropriate apparel for school based on ongoing changes in our society. Students may be required to wear some school-

provided clothing to complete a school day. If you have any questions about what is permitted, please see the building principal.

## **DRESS CODE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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 students are wearing to school.

Apparel that promotes sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, racial slurs, ethnic intimidation and violence, or disrupt the educational process are prohibited.

Please remember that school administrators have final authority to decide if clothing complies with the district's dress code.

### **PANTS & SHORTS**

Pants and shorts must be properly fitted to stay on at least the hip area. Holes, rips, or tears above mid-thigh that expose skin are not acceptable. Spandex shorts above mid-thigh (i.e. volleyball shorts) are not permitted. Underwear of any kind should not be visible.

### **SHIRTS**

Underwear must not be showing. Sheer or see-through blouses are prohibited. Shirts, tops, and dresses must cover the top of the shoulder and the armpits. Shirts/tops that reveal, at rest, the midriff or breasts are neither allowed or permitted.

### **SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS, SCARVES, and JACKETS**

Students may wear crew neck sweatshirts, sweaters, or cardigans. Hoodies are permitted; however, the hoods may not be worn on heads on school property.

### **SKIRTS/DRESSES**

Skirt/dress length shall be within the bounds of decency and good taste and must be at least mid-thigh.

### **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 need to be worn for safety during physical education classes; otherwise, sandals may be worn. No spikes are permitted on shoes. Roller skates, rollerblades, and shoes with wheels are not permitted.

### **BLANKETS**

No blankets are permitted on school grounds.

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## **JEWELRY**

Please limit jewelry worn to school, particularly necklaces and chains so that it does not get lost or cause injury. Spikes or jewelry that could potentially serve as a weapon/cause injury are prohibited. Jewelry that promotes sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, racial slurs, ethnic intimidation, violence and any other messaging disruptive to the educational process are prohibited.

## **ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES**

Bookbags, lanyards, keychains, watch bands, phone and headphone cases, water bottle stickers, pins, etc. that promote sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, racial slurs, ethnic intimidation, violence and any other messaging disruptive to the educational process are prohibited. No accessories that could serve as a potential weapon are permitted.

## **GANGS**

Students wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia or exhibiting behaviors or gestures that symbolize gang membership or causing and/or participating in activities that are designed to intimidate another student will be disciplined. Prohibited gang paraphernalia will be specifically identified and posted by the principal. 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.

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## **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.

In addition, student athletes are further subject to the Athletic Code of Conduct and may be prohibited from participating in all or part of any interscholastic, sport for violations therein.

Students prohibited from participation in all or part of any extra-curricular activity are not entitled to further notice, hearing or appeal rights.

### **ATHLETICS**

The Newark City Schools provide a variety of athletic activities in which students may participate provided they meet eligibility requirements established by the Board and by the Ohio High School Athletic Associations (OHSAA).