

Policy

DRESS AND GROOMING

It is the purpose of the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education in the matter of student dress and appearance to enhance the health and safety of the students and to avoid distractions to the educative process. In the matter of hairstyle, the board recognizes that students have the right to exercise judgment so long as they do not present a danger to their health and safety or the safety of the staff and student body; cause an interference with schoolwork or create a classroom disorder.

To maintain a safe environment and one that this is conducive to learning:

- A. Students must wear uniforms in program areas where they are required. Individual teachers will explain the safety gear and/or uniform requirements of their shops to students during the first weeks of school.
- B. Students cannot wear clothing that is unsafe in a classroom or shop situation. "Safety clothing" is a topic that will be addressed in the safety rules drawn up the teacher for use in their classrooms.
- C. Any style which creates or may create a classroom disturbance or a potentially unsafe condition, or does not meet the professional standard of attire consistent with academy programs is not permitted. These include, but are not necessarily limited to: mini skirts, bathing suits, cut off shirts, halter or tube tops or any garment displaying printed messages which may be considered obscene or inappropriate.
- D. Articles of clothing which cause excessive wear or damage to school property are not permitted.
- E. Individual programs have specific dress code requirements which are reviewed at the beginning of the school year.

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to limit the responsibility of teachers or administrators to enforce regulations concerning control of hair or clothing in the interest of safety in any specific teaching situation.

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Possible

<u>Cross References:</u> *5020	Role of parents/guardians
*5114	Suspension and expulsion
*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
*5127	Commencement activities
5131	Conduct and discipline
5131.2	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

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- *5142 Student Safety
- 5145 Rights
- 5145.2 Freedom of speech/expression
- *5145.4 Equal educational opportunity
- *5145.6 Student grievance procedure