

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 affects 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. Each building principal shall develop age-appropriate procedures for handling and disciplining students in violation of these rules.

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.