

Student Appearance

Section A - Introduction

It is the intention of the Board of Education to provide an environment where student attire does not interfere with the health, safety, or education of any student (105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b). The dress code is designed to honor the dignity and ensure the belonging of all students, allowing students to express their individuality while ensuring that attire does not interfere with the orderly operation of the school or the health, safety, or education of any student. This approach underscores the district's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment where all students feel valued. Through the use of explicit language, the dress code equips students, families, and staff with a shared understanding of daily expectations.

Dress code enforcement is not intended to create, foster, or reinforce discrimination against or marginalization or oppression of any individual or group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, viewpoint, opinion, or body type/size.

Section B - Legal Requirements

The District does not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists (105 ILCS 5/2-3.250). The District also does not prohibit the right of a student to wear or accessorize the student's graduation attire with items associated with the student's cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or other characteristic or category protected under the Illinois Human Rights Act (105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b, 775 ILCS 5/1-103(Q)).

Section C - Dress Code

Procedures for guiding student appearance referred to as the dress code, will be developed by the Superintendent or designee and included in the Parent and Student Handbook.

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