

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Board recognizes that student individual dress is primarily a parental responsibility that should reflect concern for health and safety of students, staff, and others. When the dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or substantial disturbance, the principal or their designees, shall take appropriate action to correct the situation.

The following apparel is not to be worn during the school day: clothing with offensive, lewd, vulgar, or racist language or pictures, tops that do not properly cover the upper body and mid-section, bottoms that do not properly cover the lower body, or clothing that glorifies, encourages, or promotes the use of alcohol or other drugs.

Caps, hats, or hoods may be worn but must be removed if they interfere with the educational process or limit identification with exceptions for health, religious, or safety reasons.

Principals, or their designees, are authorized to interpret this policy in their respective buildings as appropriate and necessary.

Students who violate this policy will be given an opportunity to correct the situation by either changing the clothing, removing the clothing (if appropriate), wearing it inside out, or other means as determined by the principal, or their designees, so the student is in compliance with this policy. Students who repeatedly violate this policy may face more disciplinary action including, but not limited to detention, or suspension.

Legal References:

RSA 189:15

RSA 193:38

1ST Amendment

Regulations

Discrimination in Public Schools

U.S. Constitution

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