

RSU #63

- a. **NEPN/NSBA Code:** JICA
- b. **Title:** Student Dress Code
- c. **Author:** Superintendent/Principals
- d. **Replaces Policy:**
- e. **Date Approved:** 01/30/2023 RSU 63
- f. **Date Previously Approved:** 10/26/2015 RSU #63
- g. **Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. **Responsible for Review:** Superintendent/Policy Committee
- i. **Date Reviewed:** 11/07/2022 Superintendent
11/07/2022 Policy Committee

j. **References:**

**Cross Referenced Policies: JI – Student Rights & Responsibilities
JIC – Student Code of Conduct**

k. **Narrative:**

The RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) recognize that the responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s). The Board will not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a disruptive influence on the school program or affect the health or safety of others.

- I. Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of RSU #63 (the District) to provide a safe, healthy, and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress will be enforced.
 - A. Articles of clothing that promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds (when school is in session) or at school functions.
 - B. Clothing, footwear, insignia, or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
 - C. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) are impermissible.
 - D. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) is not permitted.
- II. School administrators or teachers may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain extracurricular activities, work with or around machines or other activities. However, no particular brand may be required.
- III. The Superintendent is responsible for the development of any administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.