

Policy

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

Any attire or grooming which is unreasonable, immodest, sloppy, unsafe, destructive to school property or clothing which affects the classroom atmosphere adversely, or which creates a behavior problem, will be considered unacceptable and dealt with accordingly.

Students should come to school bathed and free of body odor. Clothing should be washed and clean. Slippers, pajamas or jeans with excessive holes or tears are not permitted.

Any clothing that displays gang related material or shows racial, ethnic, sexual or religious intolerance is prohibited. T-shirts must be plain or have slogans, pictures, etc. which are school appropriate. Things on clothing such as beer logos, foul, suggestive, or offensive language, drug references, sexual innuendos, demonic messages and the like are unacceptable.

Coats, jackets, hats, sport headbands, bandanas, or articles of clothing that cover the head or facial area are not permitted to be worn or carried in the building during school hours, except for religious reasons. Spiked or inappropriate jewelry, and wallet chain holders are not permitted. Tank tops, tube tops or any attire that reveals shoulders or midriff is not permitted,

Shorts are permitted attire. While appropriate shorts can be worn by both male and female students during this period, the following styles and types may not be worn: frayed shorts, spandex or bicycle-style shorts, athletic or running style shorts or swimming trunks. The general rule for the length of shorts as well as skirt length is a student with his or her hands by his or her side must touch the shorts or skirt and not skin.

Students in violation will be made to change before returning to class.

The chief school administrator will develop a specific dress and grooming regulation for the governance of pupil dress and grooming in conjunction with the building administration and distribute it to all parent(s) and legal guardians at the beginning of each school year.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A.11-1 General mandatory powers and duties

<u>Cross References:</u>	*5131	Student Conduct and Discipline
	*5142	Student Safety

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.