

## STUDENT CONDUCT DRESS CODE

The School Board of the Bethel Public Schools recognizes the right of students to express themselves in their manner of dress. Students have the right to choose their own grooming and clothing styles, provided that such apparel is not disruptive to learning or discipline. Further, community standards of health and safety shall not be violated nor shall the style of dress disrupt the learning climate of the school. Any public display of nudity or grooming, or dress which materially or substantially interferes with education, will be corrected immediately. Any act or condition that is disruptive to the learning process of the students will not be tolerated. Clothing which bears any message that is considered to be obscene, disrespectful of country, school or religion, is associated with gangs or gang related activities, or advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or other illegal substances shall be deemed inappropriate.

Said dress code is to be obeyed at school and/or while taking part in any school sponsored activity.

Any students who violate the dress code will be required to change their attire before they continue classes. Failure to observe the dress code of the Bethel Public School District will result in the following disciplinary actions:

**First violation:** There will be a conference with the student, teacher, and principal. The student will also be asked to change clothes.

**Second violation:** There will be a conference with the student, the student's parents, the teacher and the principal. The student will also be asked to change clothes.

**Third violation:** Suspension

**LEGAL NOTE:** To be able to enforce rules that limit the freedom of expression of a student the district must establish that the rule exists to prevent a material and substantial disruption to the educational process. Earrings and tattoos do not rise to that level. Students cannot be compelled to be patriotic and "disrespectful" is too vague to be enforced.