

## STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

Appropriate student dress and grooming are important factors in establishing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning. For that reason, each student's appearance should contribute to a distraction-free learning environment.

The Board of Education values and needs the support of parents in upholding this dress code policy. The student and his/her parent(s) are to determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that student dress and/or grooming that—in the reasonable judgment of school administrators—will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, detract from or create a health or safety problem within the school learning environment shall not be tolerated.

Parent and student use of the general and specific guidelines below should assist in the avoidance of students dress and grooming that will be met with a disciplinary response. In any case, school administrators shall make the final decision in determining and enforcing student dress and grooming standards at school and at all school-related activities.

All students are required to adhere to this dress and grooming policy, as well as to any additional requirements developed and approved for individual school buildings.

All professional school staff is charged with the enforcement of this policy.

Exceptions to this policy will be approved where this policy conflicts with a student's sincerely held religious beliefs.

### General Guidelines/Restrictions

Students shall wear garments, shoes, jewelry, accessories and hairstyles that: a) are appropriate and modest in length and coverage of the body, b) reflect a positive and age-appropriate self image and contribute to a distraction-free learning environment, and c) will reasonably lead teachers, administrators and/or other professional staff to reasonably believe that the same do not disrupt, interfere with, disturb, detract from or create a health or safety problem within the school learning environment.

### Specific Guidelines/Restrictions

Pants: must be worn at the waist or upper hip and must not reveal underclothing.

Shorts and Skirts: must be fitted at the waist or upper hip, must not reveal underclothing, and must be mid-thigh in length or longer.

Tops, Shirts and Blouses: must not reveal underclothing, midsection, torso, back, chest, breasts or cleavage.

Dresses: must not reveal underclothing, midsection, torso, back, chest, breasts, or cleavage and must be mid-thigh in length or longer.

Shoes: must not detract from or interfere with the learning environment or present a safety or health hazard.

Head Coverings: no type of head covering is to be worn with the exception of (1) a cap or hat that is part of a uniform worn at a school activity or (2) for religious or medical purposes.

Backpacks: must not detract from or interfere with the learning environment or present a safety or health hazard

General Exceptions

Students participating in school-related activities, such as extracurricular or other special functions, may have a different dress or grooming code required by the sponsor, coach, or administration.

Dress and Grooming Violations

Students whose dress and grooming violate this policy, upon being informed of the same, shall immediately alter his/her grooming and/or dress, where possible, so as to be in compliance with this policy. A student who refuses to alter his/her grooming and/or dress where the same is possible shall be subject to placement within the in-school suspension setting for the remainder of the school day. Students may contact parents to request that appropriate attire be brought to school to assist in correcting the violation of this policy.

Repeated offenders of this policy shall be subject to more stringent disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion, where appropriate.

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