

Students

Dress Code

The impact of one's dress, appearance, and behavior generally reach beyond the individual student. In general, attire and grooming of individual students in this school are the responsibility of the students and their parents. There are, however, general principles of good taste and modesty, which must be observed.

Students' overall appearance should fall within the generally accepted definitions of neatness and cleanliness. Generally, the students are expected to dress and groom themselves for the business of school so as not to disrupt the education process, or pose a health or safety threat to anyone. Clothing should be free from the promotion of or reference to drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco and of slogans, names, titles or the like which are defamatory toward person(s), group(s), the school or other organizations.

Students whose dress or grooming is judged by the staff to be disruptive or dangerous to personal safety will be asked to change (students will have access to their gym locker, hallway locker, will be offered clothes to change into, or may call home to have something brought in).

In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

- a. Winter coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear. Outerwear includes: coats, jackets, and other clothing the administration deems inappropriate. Outer wear shall not be worn, carried or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.
- b. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to scarves, bandannas, masks, visors, kerchiefs, hats, caps or hoods. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious or cultural practice or belief shall not be prohibited under this policy. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.
- c. Items a. and b. above, must be secured in the student's locker or other storage area before school starts.
- d. Footwear must be worn at all times. Unsafe footwear is not permitted, and students must follow building and / or subject-specific safety requirements.
- e. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried.

- f. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, unsafe belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
- h. Attire or accessories that contain vulgarity or that contain overly offensive, discriminating, slanderous, or disruptive writing or pictures, which are likely to disrupt the educational environment.
- i. Attire or accessories depicting or suggesting violence so as to disrupt the educational environment or that provokes others to act violently or causes others to be intimidated by fear of violence or that constitute "fighting words."
- j. Attire or accessories which depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.
- k. Shirts which reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments. Shirts cannot have necklines that are lower than the straight line from the top of the underarm across to the opposite underarm. Tank top straps must cover all undergarments and have appropriate underarm coverage.
- l. Clothing which reveals undergarments, buttocks, midriff, or is see-through. Pants worn below the waist.
- m. Pajama, lounge and/or dorm pants.
- n. Backpacks and/or book bags are permitted to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage in the classroom or in the corridors.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

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