

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Students' dress should be appropriate to the educational activities and the school environment and should be governed by good sense, good taste, and cleanliness. Much responsibility is placed upon parents for student appearance.

The Board of Education prohibits student dress or grooming practices which:

1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
2. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
4. Prevent the student from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Clothing is prohibited that bears statements, slogans, images, illustrations or insignia that are indecent, offensive, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar; or that harasses, threatens, intimidates, demeans, suggests or promotes violence against an individual or group of individuals because of their sex, color, race, religion, disability, or national origin, or otherwise constitutes sexual or other forms of harassment prohibited by Board policy or the Student Handbook; or that advertises, promotes or depicts alcoholic beverages,, tobacco products or illegal drugs.

Gang-related paraphernalia (gang symbols, jewelry, emblems) or signs in communication (written or oral) are not permitted.

School dress and grooming should be similar to what would be appropriate for an informal place of business. School dress and grooming should not have a distracting influence or pose a possible health or safety hazard.

The following shall serve as guidelines for appropriate dress for school. They are not intended to be comprehensive. The final decision about any dress code violation shall rest with the building principal.

1. Skirts shall cover mid-upper thigh.
2. Shorts shall have at least a two-inch inseam. Pockets shall not be visibly sticking-out from under shorts.

3. Shirts shall fully cover the midriff.
4. Halters, backless and strapless tops are not permitted. Tops must cover cleavage. Tank tops are permitted.
5. Underwear shall be covered at all times. Underwear or skin shall not be visible through clothing.
6. Hats, hoods, bandannas and all other head coverings shall not be worn in a school building during the school day. Head coverings worn for religious purposes are excepted from this prohibition.
7. Clothing, jewelry and other accessories that contain sharp edges or spikes are not permitted.
8. Clothing and accessories shall not reference, depict, advertise or suggest drugs, tobacco, illegal substances, weapons, violence, profanity or obscenities.
9. Shoes must be safe to the environment.

If a student is sent to the office for a dress code violation, he/she will be asked to change clothes. If he/she does not have a change of clothing, parents will be called and asked to bring a change of clothes from home. The objective is to return students to class as soon as possible, but students will not be allowed to return to class until the dress code violation is fixed. A student may be assigned an in-school restriction if he/she refuses to change or while waiting for a parent to arrive with a change of clothes. Repeated violations of this policy may result in disciplinary consequences.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.665

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