

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students' dress should be appropriate to the educational activities and the school environment, should not threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the members of the student body, and should be governed by good sense, good taste, and cleanliness. Much responsibility is placed upon parents for student appearance.

The Board prohibits student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational process;
- C. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. 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, negative, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar; or that harasses, threatens, intimidates, demeans, suggests or promotes violence or hate 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.

The following specific limitations shall be observed:

- A. No shorts or miniskirts that end above mid-thigh;
- B. No shirts and blouses that expose the midriff;
- C. No tank tops, muscle shirts or halters - boys must wear shirts with sleeves;
- D. Hats, coats, bandannas and sunglasses are not to be carried to, or worn in, class;
- E. No transparent garments, open mesh garments or garments with large open sides may be worn without an underliner;
- F. Shoes must be worn and must not present a safety hazard;

- G. No biking pants or spandex;
- H. Hair must be clean and worn out of the eyes at all times; no extreme or distracting hair color or makeup;
- I. Body-piercing adornments are not to be extreme or distracting;
- J. Lower garments are to be worn at waist level; if a belt is worn, it must be of proper length; undergarments are not to be exposed;
- K. No "dog collars", spiked bracelets or chains that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property;
- L. No cutoffs, tattered clothing or clothing with holes.

Violation of the dress code can result in removal from class (until the violation can be resolved) and/or disciplinary action.

Final interpretations of appropriate dress and grooming reside with the building principal and/or his or her designees. The building administrator may make modifications to this code if special events or activities are planned. Nothing herein is intended to interfere with a student's ability to exercise his or her religious rights. Students may apply for an exemption from this policy if it interferes with a sincerely held religious belief.

Uniforms

The principal, after consultation with a building committee, may decide to implement a uniform requirement within the building. The committee, composed of the principal, teachers and parents, must request specific Board approval prior to implementing a uniform requirement. The request must be approved by the Board at least six months prior to the implementation date. The request presented to the Board must:

- A. Include a detailed and specific description of the uniform;
- B. Include a plan and funding source(s) for providing uniforms for students unable to pay for them;
- C. Be consistent with provisions of the district's dress and grooming standards; and
- D. Establish a process for a parent/guardian to seek an exemption from the uniform requirement or to transfer his/her child, contingent on available space, to a school that does not require students to wear uniforms.

Students participating in a nationally recognized youth organization may wear the organizational uniform on days the organization has a scheduled function.

District funds shall not be used to purchase uniforms without specific approval by the Board. The funding source for providing uniforms for students unable to pay may include one or more of the following:

- A. Donations, gifts or grants;
- B. Funds generated at the building level by students, staff, PTA/PTOs or business/community partners; or
- C. Any other source as approved by the Board.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.665

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