

STUDENTS

Policy 2651

Discipline

Student Dress

The Board of Education expects student dress and grooming to be neat, clean and in keeping with community standards, so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the School District. This expectation includes the school day and school sponsored extracurricular activities.

Student dress and grooming will be the responsibility of the individual and parents/guardians, within the following parameters:

1. Dress and grooming will be clean and in keeping with health, sanitary, and safety requirements.
2. All students shall wear shoes, boots or other types of footwear.
3. Dress and grooming will not disrupt the teaching/learning process or cause undue attention to an individual student. Examples of disruptive dress include, but are not limited to:
 - a. hats, caps or bandanas worn on the head
 - b. shirts that expose the midriff
 - c. clothing with profanity, vulgarity, obscene language, drug or sexually suggestive phrases
 - d. visible undergarments
 - e. wallet chains, dog collars, dog collar chains, or other heavy gauge chains
 - f. no oversized sleeveless shirts are to be worn without an undershirt
 - g. no exposed halter tops, one armed tank tops, tube tops, or spaghetti straps
 - h. pajama bottoms or boxer shorts
 - i. distracting hairstyles or unnatural hair colors
 - j. skate shoes
 - k. All student shorts, skirts, skorts, etc. can not be above the fingertips of that student when that student is standing with arms down to the side of their body. The final decision as to whether or not an article of clothing is too short to be school appropriate will be up to the discretion of the student's building principal.
4. Class activities that present a concern for student safety may require the student to adjust hair and/or clothing during the class in the interest of maintaining safety standards.
5. Students shall not be permitted to wear clothing that advertises or promotes the usage of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
6. Additional dress regulations may be imposed upon students participating in certain extracurricular activities.
7. The Board may require students to wear a school uniform.

When, in the judgment of the principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process, or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

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