

STUDENT DRESS

The Board recognizes that responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s) / guardian(s). The Board will not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a disruptive influence on the school program or affect the health or safety of others.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of the school unit to provide safe, healthy and non-discriminatory environment for education students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced.

- A. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds (when school is in session) or at school functions.
- B. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited.
- C. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) are impermissible.
- D. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) is not permitted.
- E. Hats are not permitted to be worn at any time in any school, except for medical or religious purposes. The hat rule will apply to all persons.
- F. HIGH SCHOOL ONLY: Hats will be permitted during the school day with the following exceptions:
 - Hats will be taken off for assemblies and the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Hats will be treated as an article of clothing and must adhere to the dress code
 - Any teacher may create a rule stating that hats will not be allowed in his/her classroom. This rule will be made in the teacher's syllabus.
- G. Sexually suggestive clothing is inappropriate and cannot be worn in school.

A teacher will be allowed to restrict manner of dress or length of hair when it pertains to the health and/or safety of a student in that teacher's specific area.

The administrators will use their judgement in waiving the dress code for special functions or events.

The Superintendent is responsible for the development of any administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy

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