

STUDENTS

Dress and Grooming

Students shall dress in clothing appropriate to the school situation. Restrictions on freedom of student dress may be applied whenever the mode of dress in question:

1. is unsafe for the student or those around the student;
2. is disruptive to school operations and the education process in general;
3. is contrary to law.

No restrictions on freedom of dress and adornment will be imposed which:

1. are discriminatory;
2. enforce particular codes of morality or religious tenets;
3. attempt to dictate or adjudicate style or taste;
4. do not fall within the direct or implied powers of the Board of Education.

The administration is encouraged to establish any needed regulations consistent with this policy through cooperative planning with staff, students and parents.

1. The administration will make appropriate determination on the newest clothing fads or styles as they pertain to the above dress policy. The administration will determine what attire is unclean and dangerous, or distracts from the educational process.
2. Students must wear proper and safe footwear. Any footwear deemed dangerous to the student or others will be prohibited.
3. Sexually provocative clothing – short shorts, see-through clothing, no shirts, garments designed or worn in such a manner as to expose parts of the body constituting what is generally considered immodesty.
4. Clothing bearing messages that countervail the educational process – profanity, sexual suggestiveness, glorification of the drug/alcohol culture, insignias or other apparel that advertises membership in a gang, messages that incite violence.
5. Articles that are part of one's attire but also designed so that they can be used as weapons – rings that simulate brass knuckles, belt buckles with the edges sharpened, nailed or cleated shoes, jewelry obviously designed to inflict injury.

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6. Grooming/apparel or lack thereof that constitute a health hazard – long hair that is unbound while a student is operating machinery in a classroom or swimming in the pool, wearing six-inch platform shoes, not wearing shoes, wearing heavy outdoor coats in classrooms.

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