

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 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, makes reference to, illustrates, or depicts alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco products, sex, violence, death, cults, or satanic symbols.

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

The following specific limitations shall be observed:

1. No shirts that expose the midriff, are sleeveless, or have an inappropriate neckline.
2. Length of shorts, skirts, and dresses will be determined by student's height and must hang at least six inches above the top of the kneecap.
3. Spandex or biker shorts are not permitted.
4. No shirts with inappropriate or obscene images or writing (e.g., gang related, advertisements for alcohol, tobacco or sexual reference).
5. No hats, hoods, or bandanas may be worn in a building.
6. Sunglasses shall not be worn in a building unless directed by a doctor.

7. Footwear is required at all times.
8. No wallet chains are permitted.
9. Pants shall be worn at the natural waist.
10. No coats, oversized hooded sweatshirts, book bags, purses, handbags, or backpacks are permitted in the classroom.
11. Tattoos, slogans, insignia, buttons and other paraphernalia may not be worn or displayed if their message may be reasonably anticipated to substantially or materially disrupt or interfere with the educational process. In the case of exposed areas, the building principal may require the student to cover a tattoo with a bandage, or by some other means, while at school.
12. Excessive body piercings shall be removed or covered at the direction of the building principal.

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.

Failure to comply with the Dress Code is considered to be insubordination and subject to discipline up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3313.665

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