

STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

The Board of Education requires students to attend school and school related activities in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with the learning process or cause a disturbance in school or district. Immodest clothing and shirts with messages or designs that are in poor taste, as well as groups of students wearing the same color, are not permissible. Beachwear (tube/tank tops, halters, short-shorts, and see-through garments), bare midriff shirts and tops resembling undergarments are not acceptable. All undergarments must be completely covered. Hats, visors, bandanas, and doo-rags may not be worn during the school day unless there is a reason for a religious or medical exemption. Students should not bring valuable jewelry or accessories to school. Attire bearing an expression or insignia which is obscene or libelous, or which advocates racial, ethnic, sexual or religious prejudice, or is disruptive, is forbidden. Physical Education classes require changing into sneakers, t-shirts, shorts or sweatpants. The Board of Education also requires students to wear appropriate protective gear in certain classes (i.e. Family & Consumer Sciences, Technology, and Physical Education).

District Policy States:

Further, students shall not wear or display any clothing, hats, head coverings, including but not limited to doo-rags, bandanas, or headbands, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other items that are commonly considered evidence of membership or affiliation in any fraternity, sorority or secret society (including gangs) which exists or seeks to perpetuate itself by taking in additional members on the decision of the membership rather than on the free choice of the individual, if it disrupts or is likely to cause a disruption of or interference with the academic processes of school or of any individual student(s). If such items are worn, carried or shown, students will be regarded as insubordinate and appropriate disciplinary action will follow.

While students and parents are expected to use good judgment in this matter, the superintendent of schools, the building Principal and other designated administrative personnel shall have the authority to require a student to change his/her attire should it be deemed inappropriate according to the above guidelines. If, after a few reminders, a student still continues to dress inappropriately, parents will be contacted and appropriate steps will be taken.