

## Students

### Dress and Grooming

1. In order to promote a positive learning environment the Board of Education supports these standards for safe and appropriate student dress; nothing in this policy shall be intended to infringe upon students' freedom of expression or their religious beliefs.
  - a. Headwear: All headwear shall be removed prior to entering school and must be placed in the students' locker or where outer garments are stowed, for the entire school day.
  - b. Blouses/Shirts: Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the tops of the shoulders are covered. Blouses/shirts will not allow exposure of any portion of the waist, hips, midriff or exposure of the chest.
  - c. Skirts/Shorts/Dresses/Pants: Skirts, shorts and dresses should have hemlines that are mid-thigh. With safety as our primary concern, pants should be worn to stay close to the waist; undergarments shall be completely covered.
  - d. Outdoor Garments: All outdoor garments will be placed in the students' locker immediately upon entering the school and will remain there for the entire school day.
  - e. Shoes: Safe footwear must be worn at all times.
  - f. Attire: Attire that displays indecent language, pictures or symbols that contain sexual references, or that advertise or encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Messages of violence or gang allegiance are prohibited. Pajamas, slippers and other lounging attire are not allowed.
  - g. Accessories: Students may not wear accessories that could cause injury to others or that are substantially or materially disruptive of the education process.
2. The school administration and faculty are responsible for the implementation of this policy. Exceptions to the above dress standards will be considered for medical reasons, special events and cultural beliefs or to promote school spirit as determined by the school principal or his/her designee.
3. When the above stated standards have not been met, any or all of the following will occur:
  - a. individual counseling
  - b. sending the student home to change and return to school;
  - c. parental conferences;
  - d. suspension for insubordination (refusal to change and/or follow the directions of the administration/designee);

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