

## DRESS AND GROOMING (5132)

The community and general public often judge the quality of education by the behavior, appearance and activities of its student body. The results of one's dress, appearance and behavior generally go far beyond the individual student.

In general, attire and grooming of individual students in this school system are the responsibility of the students and their parents. There are, however, general principles of good taste and modesty which must and shall be observed.

Students' overall appearance should fall within the generally accepted definitions of neatness and cleanliness. Generally, the students are expected to dress and groom themselves for the business of school so as to neither distract other students or teachers, disrupt the education process, or pose a health or safety threat to anyone. Clothing should be clean, unorn, free from promotion of, or reference to drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and offensive signs, symbols or words. Clothing should also be free of slogans, names, titles or the like which are defamatory toward person(s), the school or other organizations or which are likely to incite or inflame.

Students whose dress or grooming is judged by the staff to be distracting, disruptive, or dangerous to personal safety will be subject to administrative action. Possession of electronic devices that are in violation of State law or which may be disruptive to the educational setting are prohibited except as allowed in Board Policy 5131.81.

The intent of this policy is to encourage all concerned to dress, groom and conduct themselves in keeping with an atmosphere that reflects sensitivity to and respect for self and others and the overall functions of the school.

Items that are specifically prohibited under this policy include but are not limited to the following:

1. Shoes, boots or sneakers which mark the floor or have wheels.
2. "See through" style and/or mesh style shirts or blouses, midriff tops, backless tops, halter tops or tank tops.
3. Flip flops or thong style sandals are banned in all laboratories and shops.
4. Underwear worn as outerwear, including sleepwear.
5. Jackets, coats or boots normally worn as outerwear.
6. Hats, caps, bandannas or headgear, except those worn pursuant to established religious customs.
7. Short shorts (Shorts that do not fall below the student's fingertips) and cutoffs
8. Face coverings
9. Sunglasses
10. Any article of clothing (including jackets, shorts, hats and bandannas), jewelry, or other item which is identifiable as a known symbol of gang membership or affiliation.
11. Electronic or beeper device, laser pointer, telephones or personal entertainment and/or communication devices on school property without the prior consent of the school principal or Superintendent of Schools.

Outerwear garments and **all** head coverings must be placed in lockers at the start of the school day. Items will remain there until a student departs. The administration will be the final arbiter when dress interferes with the orderly procedure of the school.

At the secondary level (6-12) clothing which is worn in physical education shall not be worn in other classes or parts of the school nor shall clothing worn in regular classes be worn in physical education. Physical education teachers will specify the kind of clothing appropriate for their activity.

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