

Students

Student Appearance - Dress Code

Students' dress and grooming must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety, and decency. Procedures for handling students who dress or groom inappropriately will be developed by the Superintendent and included in the Parent-Student Handbooks for Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, and High Schools.

The dress regulations listed below apply at all buildings and to co-curricular activities taking place within the buildings outside of regular school hours. These regulations are to be observed and enforced:

1. Appropriate footwear is required.
2. Bare midriffs, see-through garments, clothing which bares the chest, tube tops, and halter tops are prohibited. Clothing will cover from shoulder to mid-thigh. All clothing, accessories, jewelry, makeup, etc., shall be worn in a manner which is not disruptive to the learning environment.
3. Clothing, accessories, or jewelry which bears any message which is considered to be disrespectful of country, school, religion, or debasing the dignity of groups or individuals is prohibited.
4. The wearing, display, or possession of any item of clothing, accessories, or jewelry which depicts alcoholic beverages; tobacco products; drugs; or which displays obscene or sexually explicit language; profane language; or provocative pictures, is prohibited.
5. The wearing, display, or possession of articles of clothing, accessories, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other things which are evidence of membership in or affiliation, or alignment with any gang, secret society, or unauthorized organization is prohibited.
6. The wearing of hats, bandannas, or hair rollers is prohibited in buildings unless specifically approved by the Building Principal and/or designee.
7. The wearing of overcoats, out-of-doors clothing, or sun glasses in classrooms or in the building during class time is prohibited unless specifically approved by the Building Principal and/or designee.
8. Any clothing accessories which could be used as weapons such as: hair-picks, wallet chains, etc., are prohibited.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b.
Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969).

CROSS REF.: 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:165 (School Uniform), 7:190 (Student Discipline)

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