

### **Student Dress**

The Board recognizes that responsibility for the dress and appearance of the students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The Board will not interfere with this right unless the personal choices of students create a disruptive influence on the school program or affect the health or safety of others.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the goals of the District to provide a safe, health and non-discriminatory environment for educating students for maximum academic and social development, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced.

- A. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds (when school is in session) or at school functions.
- B. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories that are intended to identify the wearer as a member of any group, gang, organization or adherent of a philosophy which advocates violence, hatred, oppression of others or disruption of the school's instructional program are prohibited.
- C. Articles of clothing with displays that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) are impermissible.
- D. Clothing that is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) is not permitted.
- E. Clothing that is unduly revealing and which detracts in any way from the educational program is prohibited.

School administrators or teachers may require special clothing for health and safety reasons for students participating in physical education, certain extracurricular activities, work with or around machines or other activities. However, no particular brand may be required.

The Superintendent is responsible for the development of any administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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