

Appropriate Student Attire Policy

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The responsibility for student dress and general appearance shall rest with individual students and parents. However, the Board of Education requires students to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with their education or the learning process.

The Board requires that students wear appropriate protective gear and that any jewelry or accessory which endangers the health and safety of students be removed in certain classes (e.g. home economics, technology, science labs and physical education). In addition, the Board of Education prohibits clothing, attire, accessories and/or footwear which has or bears an expression (phrase, word or words) or an insignia (picture, symbol, patch, pin and/or jewelry) which is lewd, obscene, indecent or libelous (that is, which contains objectionable language, including insults, whether directed at themselves or others), advocates racial or religious prejudice, or interferes with the learning process. The Board, in keeping with community standards of decorum and deportment, prohibits students from wearing hats in the classroom. Also, the Board prohibits clothing and/or an accessory that promotes, or advocates the possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs/alcohol or drug/alcohol paraphernalia, which clothing and/or accessory causes a substantial disruption or interference with the learning process or discipline of the school.

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent of Schools and other administrative personnel designated by the Superintendent, the authority to require a student to return home and change his/her attire prior to returning to class should it be deemed inappropriate according to the above guidelines. The student's parent or guardian will be called prior to a student being allowed to return to his/her home and the student will be responsible for any work missed in a class as a result of leaving and returning to school.

Please note:

- *No midriff can be visible**
- *No undergarments can be visible**
- *Distracting clothing (promoting alcohol, violence, etc.) is not permitted**
- *Pajamas are not allowed**
- *Skirts and shorts must be at least fingertip length when arms are extended**