

## DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

The Board's dress and grooming guidelines are intended to promote and foster an appropriate educational environment by minimizing unnecessary distractions and permitting students to focus on academic progress. The following mandatory guidelines are designed to further that intent:

1. Hats, caps, headbands, sweat bands, bandanas, visors, and sunglasses must be removed and placed in the locker or designated area and remain during the school day.
2. Hair must be clean and well groomed, and should not impair vision. Boys' hair must not touch the collar of a t-shirt (rounded, crew-neck), when measured at full length (i.e., loose or unpinned). Male students with facial hair must keep it neat and well groomed. No hairstyle, hair color, body piercing, clothing, decorative dental appliances (whether permanent or temporary), decorative contact lenses, or other article which is disruptive to the learning environment or which identifies a student as being a member of a gang or any subversive or unlawful organization will be allowed. Any hairstyle that would impair the vision of male or female students would be a violation of this policy.
3. Ear jewelry may be worn by females only. (Band-Aids may not be worn to conceal unauthorized jewelry.) Nose jewelry is not to be worn by boys or girls while they are in school. Jewelry (studs, pins, etc.) may not be worn in any visible pierced areas of the body including, but not limited to, the tongue.
4. Students are to wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed. No clothing shall be worn inside out; suspenders/braces shall be fastened and belts buckled. Pants must be worn at the waist. **School administration may require that shirts and blouses be tucked in and coats be removed upon entering the building.**
5. Sun dresses and backless dresses or tops will be worn with a jacket or appropriate covering. (Jacket or covering may not be sheer or mesh).
6. Cutoff tops, tank tops, and mesh tops can be worn if a T-shirt with sleeves is worn underneath or another shirt is worn over the top. (Cover shirt or undershirt may not be sheer or mesh).
7. Students must wear proper undergarments.
8. Halter tops, tube tops, and midriff tops are not allowed. Midriffs and sides must be covered.
9. Bracelets, belts, and other clothing and accessories with spikes, studs, or chains are not allowed.
10. Insignias, buttons, and clothing which are suggestive of wine, beer, whiskey, tobacco, vulgarities and violence, are drug-related, or are demeaning to other persons may not be worn at school.
11. Jeans and other articles of clothing must be clean with no open holes above the knee. No shredded jeans will be allowed.
12. Sweat pants and jogging pants are allowed as long as they are properly fitted.
13. Articles of clothing must be appropriate for school wear. Skirts, dresses, and shorts may be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee, except that students in grades K-3 may wear shorts appropriate for school. Slits in skirts must meet the four inches above the knee regulation.
14. Clothing shall not be so tight or so loose as to be overly revealing, a disruption to the school environment or a safety concern.
15. Shoes appropriate to the school setting, with student safety the primary concern, must be worn at all times.
16. Book bags/back packs and athletic bags must be placed in the locker or designated area and remain there during the school day. **Only clear or mesh bags may be used. Back packs/book bags may not have wheels unless written approval is given by a physician due to medical reasons.**

**Any student who fails to dress appropriately will not be allowed to attend class until proper clothing can be secured. If necessary, parents will be called to bring proper clothes to school. Until proper clothing can be secured, the student will be isolated and will be responsible for all class work missed. Nonconformity to the dress code is a Class I offense.**