



In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process and permit the student to participate in learning without posing a risk to the health or safety of any student or school district personnel, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

- a. Footwear which mars floors or is a safety hazard.
- b. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried, unless required pursuant to a documented medical issue.
- c. "Name" or other oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or combination of metal and leather belts.
- d. Any article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.
- e. Attire or accessories that contain vulgarity or that contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures, which are likely to disrupt the educational environment.
- f. Attire or accessories depicting or suggesting violence so as to disrupt the educational environment or that provokes others to act violently or causes others to be intimidated by fear of violence or that constitute "fighting words."
- g. Attire or accessories which depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.
- h. Attire or accessories using or depicting depict hate speech (including both words and symbols, i.e. blackface, swastika, etc.) targeting groups based on race, color, national origin/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, religious affiliation or any other protected classification. This would include attire that could reasonably be expected to harass or materially interfere with the learning environment for other students on the basis of race, color national origin/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identify, disability, religious affiliation or any classification protected under state or federal law.

In addition to prohibited items, the following additional dress code guidelines apply:

- a. Hats or head coverings are allowed if the student's face is visible to staff and the head covering does not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the face and ears to be visible to school staff. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief shall not be prohibited under this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit protective hairstyles. "Protective hairstyles" includes, but is not limited to, wigs, headwraps and hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros and afro puffs.



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- b. Clothing must be sufficient to conceal undergarments and have opaque fabric covering the breasts, chest, ribcage, genitals and buttocks. Beach/bathing attire and pajamas are prohibited.
- c. Backpacks and/or book bags are permitted to be carried between classes, but shall not obstruct safe passage in the classroom or in the corridors.
- d. Attire must be suitable for all classroom activities, including physical education, science labs, technology classes, and other activities where unique hazards exist.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy #5114 on student discipline.

The administration reserves the right to exclude other items or attire that are deemed to be disruptive to the educational learning environment or are considered to be a safety hazard.

Cross Reference: Policy #5114 Student Discipline

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