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Purpose

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

Authority

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or **constitute** a health **or** safety **hazard**.^[1]^[2]

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.^[2]

School Dress Code

1. Hats, hoods (including on hoodies), and bandanas are prohibited.
2. Spandex, leggings, and tights must be covered by a fingertip length garment the entire way around.
3. Shorts must be fingertip length or longer. Any pants with holes or tears above fingertip length are prohibited.
4. NO shirts or jewelry that are offensive/vulgar* or clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, violence (weapons) or tobacco.
5. NO shirts that expose the midriff (at any time), underwear, or cleavage.
6. Males and females must wear shirts that have straps greater than 1 inch and must be closed on the sides.

Consequences:

Violators will be asked to change or parents will be called to bring a change of clothes. Students with multiple violations will be subject to disciplinary action.

*If clothing is deemed offensive by anyone, including teachers, staff, the principal, or other students, the student will be asked to change.

Delegation of Responsibility

The building principal or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming, and to enforce **Board policy and** school rules governing student dress and grooming.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.[2]

Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate, by example, positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.[3]

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1317.3

2. 22 PA Code 12.11

3. Pol. 325