

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
<p>1. Purpose Title 22 Sec. 12.11 (a) (b) (d)</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of others.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p>	<p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent to enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student him/herself or to others in the school. 2. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program. 3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property. 4. Prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11 (c)</p>	<p>The Board may require students to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, shops, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to insure the health or safety of the student.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Designate the building principal to monitor student dress and grooming in his/her building.

<p>Pol. 325, 425, 525</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Invite the participation of staff, parents, and students in the preparation of a dress code which may specify prescribed dress and grooming practices, in order to maintain consistency among the different levels of school (elementary, middle, high school). 3. Instruct staff members to demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance. 4. Ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality. <p>The Middletown School District believes that pupils perform at their best classroom situations if a standard of good grooming is followed. The value of a clean and neat appearance cannot be overstated. In our professional judgments, well-dressed and well-groomed students are also a well-disciplined group of students.</p> <p>All students must comply with the following guidelines concerning appearance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All students shall be neat and clean in order that a healthy and educationally conducive atmosphere can be maintained. 2. It is recommended that males wear their hair reasonably trimmed and be clean shaven. Students whose hair styles create hazards to laboratories, shops and physical education classes must provide head coverings in such classes to ensure safety. 3. Excessive make-up should not be worn. 4. Appropriate foot covering must be worn for health and safety reasons. No flip-flops, etc. are permitted. 5. Clothing that is fringed, frayed, torn or dragging on the floor and considered unsafe is not permitted. 6. No slogans, pictures, words, or patches are permitted if they are a distraction to the educational setting. This includes tobacco, drug and alcohol slogans, advertisements, or satanic references (skull and cross bones, death related pictures), etc. 7. No clothing should be worn so tight, faded or immodest as to be distracting to the educational environment. This includes thermal underwear as an outer garment, strapless tops, bare midriffs or torso, muscle shirts, workout sweats, etc.
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8. Shorts are not permitted, except for physical education classes and in accordance with guidelines established for the elementary schools.
9. No camouflage or military clothing is permitted.
10. Inappropriate jewelry and decorations are not permitted. This includes bandanas or scarves, a glove or gloves, excessive rings, etc.
11. Headgear of any kind is not permitted.
12. Radios, headphones, or similar items are not permitted.

Students who do not abide with the provisions of the dress code will be counseled by teachers, counselors, or administrators. Consistent violation of this code may result in further action as deemed necessary.