DRESS CODE

School Board Policy 221

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board shall 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, constitute a health or safety hazard, or shall be inconsistent with Board policy.

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.

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. Violations may result in disciplinary action(s), in accordance with Board policy.

All students must comply with the following regulations:

- Undergarments must be worn and must be completely covered by outer clothing. Off the shoulder tops are not permitted.
- Bare midriffs or torsos, mesh and see-through clothing are not permitted.
- Pajamas and slippers are not permitted.
- Hoodies are permitted, but the hoods must be lowered at all times.
- Skirts and dresses must be closer in length to the knee than to the hip and may not have any holes/tears above the mid-thigh.
- Pants and jeans may not have excessive holes/tears and may not reveal skin above the mid-thigh.
- Shorts must be closer in length to the knee than to the hip and may not have any holes/tears.
- Any clothing considered outdoor wear may not be worn during the school day and must be secured in lockers or classroom cubbies.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons. Shoes with built-in roller wheels are not permitted. Certain classes require certain footwear for safety reasons i.e., Industrial Technology, Physical Education, Family Consumer Sciences, and recess.
- Headwear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas, hairnets, hoods, skull caps, is not permitted except for religious or cultural purposes, or medical reasons.
- Clothing or accessories containing slogans, symbols, pictures, words or advertisements that are a distraction to the educational setting are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, slogans such as tobacco, drugs, alcohol, ethnic slurs, cults, gangs, weapons, sexual references, or double meaning slogans/symbols.
- Inappropriate and potentially hazardous accessories (i.e. spiked wristbands/necklaces and chains) are not permitted.