

## **STUDENT ATTIRE AND GROOMING**

The Board of Education recognizes that a student's grooming and the way the student dresses have not only a bearing on behavior but also influence the way other students and the professional staff react. The emphasis is that dress and grooming should be clean and neatly kept. If a style of dress and/or grooming demonstrates that it is disruptive to the educational process, constitutes a possible threat to the safety and health of the student or others or is in violation of any statute, it will not be permitted in the school. Within these limits the Board of Education believes that the final decision regarding attire and grooming should be a cooperative decision of the student, parent and the administrative staff. Should disagreement arise, the administrative staff shall make the final decision.

Student appearance is an important responsibility of the students, parents and school. All hairstyles, manner of dress and grooming must be consistent with safety, cleanliness and decency. Appearance that is disruptive of the educational process, or endangers the safety and health of the student will not be allowed. Guidelines for student attire are:

1. Students will wear footwear at all times. Slippers are not allowed.
2. Clothing which contains printed wording, pictures, designs which advertise or promote tobacco, alcohol or drugs, carries any derogatory connotation, suggestive statements or endorses illegal activity are prohibited.
3. Shirts should not show a person's midriff while the person is sitting, standing or reaching. Low cut tops that reveal cleavage are not acceptable. No undergarments should show. Tops should cover the body from both shoulders to the waist, front and back. Some examples of prohibited dress include tube tops, halter tops, tank tops, and spaghetti straps.
4. Skirts, shorts and holes in jeans must be below fingertip length when arms are at sides. Running shorts are not allowed in classrooms.
5. Chains of any type are not permitted unless worn around the neck.
6. Clothing is prohibited that implies gang membership or affiliation.
7. Hats, caps, hoods and bandanas or sweatbands are not to be worn in the building unless for religious or medical purposes.

8. Pants must be worn at the waistline. Pajama pants are not allowed. No undergarments should show.

9. Sunglasses may not be worn in school. This includes on top of the head and around the neck.