

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board believes there is a strong relationship between a student's appearance and his/her general attitude and behavior. Inappropriate attire could disrupt the atmosphere and educational goals of the district. The Board requires all students to maintain a neat and clean appearance at all times. The following regulations and guidelines must be followed:

- A. Hats (or any form of head covering) are not to be worn in school or carried to class.
- B. No coats are to be worn in the school building during school hours.
- C. Shorts are acceptable attire. **However, cut-offs, short shorts, swim suits, mini skirts less than 3/4 length to knee and clothing that does not cover the stomach is not appropriate for school. Also unacceptable are "tank tops", "tube tops", strapless sundresses and strapless shirts.**
- E. Attire that interferes with school work, creates disorder or interrupts the educational program is unacceptable as is any attire presenting a hazard to the safety and/or health of the wearer or others. Gym attire is restricted to physical education classes and is not to be worn during school in the classrooms or hallways.
- F. **Tight sweaters, tight slacks or skirts, spandex attire, low necklines and bare midriff styles are not appropriate for school.**
- G. **Clothing with holes or in general disrepair, and shirts with inappropriate writing or slogans (including those alluding to alcohol and/or drugs) are not appropriate for school.**
- H. Shoes must be worn at all times. Footwear considered unsafe (untied sneakers/shoes, etc.) is not permitted. Footwear that could damage or mar certain floor types (cleats, black soles that leave marks) is not permitted.
- I. **Immodest dress is forbidden.**
- J. **Pants/skirts are to be worn at waist height.**
- K. **Leggings (tight fitting) are not to be worn as pants.**
- L. No sunglasses may be worn inside the building.
- M. Leotards or body suits may not be worn as outer garments.
- N. **Bare backs, shoulders or midriffs are unacceptable in school.**
- O. **Back packs, book bags, gym bags, etc. are not to be carried through the building during normal school hours.**

Any student in violation of any part of the dress and grooming policy or regulation may be removed from class and be asked to make arrangements to correct the violation immediately; or the student may be excluded from attending school until his/her attire and/or grooming conform to policy. Office detention and/or demerits may also be assigned.

The acceptability of attire will be determined by the building principal or his/her designee. Any judgement made by the principal (or designee) will be subject to appeal to the superintendent and, ultimately, to the Board.