

The district and the board believe inappropriate student appearance causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment and can present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a good learning environment. The standards will be those generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting.

The board expects students to come to school looking clean and neat, dressed in a manner which is accepted as being in good taste, and consistent with an attitude and atmosphere that is conducive to study and learning. Extreme hairstyle and dress that is unduly immodest, distracting or inappropriate for a school environment will not be allowed. Clothing or other apparel promoting or referencing products illegal for use by minors, (i.e. alcohol, tobacco, drugs) and/or clothing displaying obscene material or profanity or referring to inappropriate or prohibited conduct are not allowed. Low riding pants and low cut tops are not acceptable. Bare midriffs will not be acceptable for boys or girls. Clothes with holes or tears in inappropriate places are not acceptable. Hats or any head coverings may not be worn in the building during school time. Any accessories deemed unsafe (such as chains or jewelry/accessories with spikes) will not be allowed.

While the primary responsibility for appearance lies with the students and their parents, appearance disruptive to the educational program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

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