

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5132

STUDENT DRESS CODE

One of the main objectives of the school is to help its students in preparing successfully for life in the business and social world of today. The Board believes that training in appropriate dress and grooming is part of this education.

Good judgment should dictate what is appropriate attire for a particular occasion. The manner of a student's dress must not create classroom disorder. Students whose attire, in the judgment of teachers or administrators, does not meet the criteria of this Policy will be referred to the administration office. All students shall dress appropriately when in school or at school-related activities, based upon the following guidelines.

The following examples of attire are considered inappropriate for school or school-related activities:

1. Clothing, patches, or possessions that contain obscene or lewd and indecent language or graphics, inappropriate references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, anything depicting or implying hatred, stereotyping or prejudice against any protected category as defined in the District's harassment policies, or any type of clothing, apparel, or accessory which indicates that the student has membership in, or affiliation with, any gang associated with criminal activities (based upon specific guidelines issued by building administrators in conjunction with local law enforcement guidance).
2. Sunglasses or mirrored glasses in the building.
3. Clothing which is excessively tight or revealing, *e.g.*, transparent blouses, bare midriffs, bare sides, tank tops, miniskirts or short-shorts (skirts, dresses or shorts must extend at least to the student's fingertips when standing upright), bicycle pants, spandex as outer garments, or exposed undergarments.
4. Clothing with holes or tears which inappropriately exposes the skin or undergarments.
5. Bare feet are never appropriate in a school setting. At the high school level, in select classroom environments where safety is a factor (i.e. physical education, lab sciences) flip-flops may not be appropriate and in those classes, specific guidelines will be communicated by the teacher. Flip-flops are not allowed to be worn by preschool through 8th grade students.

6. Hats and headcoverings other than for religious purposes are prohibited inside the building.
7. Clothing that could cause damage to school property or injury to, or other endangerment to the health and safety of, oneself or others – *e.g.*, chains, spikes, weapon-like jewelry.

The Administration reserves the right to discipline any student who is [not] dressed inappropriately. Students dressed inappropriately may be sent home. Hats and other head coverings may be confiscated.

NOTE: Any of the above guidelines can be modified by Administration when necessary for medical reasons or for other approved activities, including but not limited to promulgation of a more restrictive dress requirement for such occasions as field trips, the prom or graduation ceremonies.

Legal References:

There are no legal references at this time.

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