

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY STANDARD OF DRESS
(Student Dress Code)

All students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school functions in clothing/attire that promotes a safe and healthy learning environment. Clothing/attire that creates a disruptive environment or causes a health or safety hazard are neither appropriate nor acceptable at school. Students and persons in parental relation have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance.

This Educational Community Standard of Dress is to be followed in school and on school grounds during regular school hours and at school functions, whether or not such functions are on school premises. The principal or their designee may waive application of parts of the Educational Standard of Dress for special events.

The Superintendent, building principal, or designee will be responsible for informing students and persons in parental relation of the Educational Community Standard of Dress at the beginning of the school year and of any revisions to the code made during the school year. In addition, the Superintendent, building principals, and other designated administrators have the authority to require a student to change their attire should it not meet or adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy.

Students should wear clothing or accessories that are absent of:

- Any expression or insignia that is obscene, lewd, vulgar, or libelous, represents or promotes alcohol or drug use, or which advocates violence or prejudice/racism/discrimination;
- Visible undergarments (excluding straps), bathing suits, or clothing that exposes private parts of the body (e.g., genitals, nipples, buttocks);
- Garments that obscure the full view of the student's face, including sunglasses

All hats and hoods are prohibited.

Footwear is always required to be worn while in the school building to promote health and safety. Students must be dressed in appropriate clothing and protective equipment as required to participate in physical education classes, athletics, science laboratories, home and career skills classes, and recess/playground activities.

When students are deemed to be out of compliance with the Educational Standard of Dress, educators (staff, teachers, administrators) will take an educational and restorative approach when clothing is in need of intervention. Students who continue to refuse to adhere to the Student Dress Code will be expected to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and, if necessary and/or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so is in violation of this policy. Persons in parental relation will be notified about any actions taken regarding this policy.

Students or persons in parental relations may contact school administration regarding exemption from the dress code policy when cultural or medical reasons exist. The opt-out provision must be discussed with the building principal or central office, and persons in parental relation. If the school administration denies the request for opt-out, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Superintendent or their designee within five school days. If the Superintendent or their designee denies the request, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Board of Education within five days of the Superintendent's written denial. The decision of the Board will be final.

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