

Procedure 3224P
Students

Student Dress Codes

The Principal or designee at each school shall develop, distribute and maintain an appropriate dress code for students. This code shall be provided to all students, parents and staff members at least annually. These regulations shall serve to:

- A. Establish and maintain a healthy and safe school environment
- B. Prevent damage to school property or the property of others
- C. Prevent any material and substantial disruption of the educational process
- D. Establish and maintain a school environment of respect, tolerance and civility
- E. Assist students in understanding how dress and appearance support success in school and life

No student shall be permitted to wear, carry or display clothing, apparel, body markings or accessories that:

- A. Disrupt, disturb, interfere with, or detract from school activities
- B. Create a health, safety or other hazard
- C. Promote by printed word or symbol the use of drugs, tobacco or alcohol
- D. Promote by printed word or symbol other prohibited activities which may include but are not limited to intimidation, harassment, racism, sexual innuendo, vulgarity and obscenities.
- E. Promote by printed word or symbol hate groups or gangs
- F. Imply membership or affiliation with hate groups or gangs

If a student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or designee will direct the student to make appropriate corrections. Parents may be contacted if assistance is needed to secure school-appropriate clothing for students. If the student refuses to make such corrections, the student will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school. Students who violate provisions of the dress code relating to extracurricular activities may be removed or excluded from the activity for such a period as the principal or designee may determine.

Students who repeatedly violate the dress code will be subject to progressive disciplinary consequences.

Student dress codes shall be communicated to students, parents and staff annually as part of each school's student handbook and/or through other verbal, written or electronic means.

School administrators shall have the authority to make changes or provide more specific examples of prohibited apparel at any time based on safety, health or disruption issues.

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