

Students

Student Dress and Grooming

The Board of Education encourages students to dress appropriately for school. When they are neatly attired and take pride in their appearance, there generally is less misbehavior and a better learning atmosphere. Therefore, the Board expects the administration and the teaching staff to use reasonable methods to ensure that appropriate clothing is worn by all students.

Restrictions on dress shall be applied whenever the mode of dress in question:

1. is unsafe either for the student or for those around the student;
2. is a threat to the health of the student or others in the school;
3. is disruptive of school operations or the education process in general; for example, the wearing of hats or caps, except for those worn pursuant to religious customs or in other extenuating circumstances, is specifically prohibited in the school buildings.
4. is contrary to law;
5. displays or advertises any alcoholic or tobacco product or controlled substance;
6. constitutes sexual, religious, or racial harassment which creates a hostile learning environment; or
7. gang colors.

No restrictions on dress and adornment will be imposed which:

1. reflect discrimination as to civil rights or otherwise interfere with any free speech/first amendment rights that the student may have;
2. enforce particular codes of morality or religious tenets;
3. do not fall within the direct or implied powers of the Board of Education.

The administration will establish any needed regulations to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statute § 10-233 et seq.
Connecticut General Statute § 10-221 et seq.

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