

## R 5511 DRESS CODE

The following dress code has been developed in accordance with Policy No. 5511 and in consultation with staff members, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and pupils of this district.

### A. General Rules

1. Pupils are expected to be clean and well groomed in their appearance.
2. Pupils are expected to avoid dress and grooming that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.
3. Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated.

### B. Prohibited Clothing and Articles

Students also have the responsibility to dress appropriately and to keep themselves, their clothes, and their hair clean. School officials may impose limitations on student participation in the regular instructional program where there is evidence that inappropriate dress causes disruption in the classroom, and the lack of cleanliness constitutes a health and safety hazard or disruption of the education program. The following is considered inappropriate for school and remains at the discretion of the administration:

1. Clothing displaying or imprinted with violence, nudity, vulgarity, obscenity, profanity, double entendre pictures or slogans (including those related to alcohol, drugs and tobacco), or portraying racial, ethnic, or religious stereotyping.
2. Garments or revealing, see through clothing that excessively exposes anatomy.
3. Any clothing or manner of dress deemed gang-related, including the way the clothing is worn.
4. Gym-type apparel, clothing intended as undergarments worn as outer garments, or see-through garments.

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5. Street coats, windbreakers, and head coverings worn in the building. These items should be placed in lockers immediately upon arrival and may not be carried from classroom to classroom. Exceptions for medical or religious reasons must be referred to the principal.
6. Scanty clothing that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - Open backs
  - Single strap tops
  - Tank tops that are considered underwear
  - Halter tops
  - Tube tops
  - Tops which may expose cleavage
  - Tops which expose bra straps
7. Pajamas and/or slippers
8. Bare midriffs
9. Clothing such as shorts, pants, or skirts are not permitted to be worn lower than the hip line. In addition, clothing that exposes undergarments or anatomy should not be worn.
10. Any type of chains, collars, large beaded necklaces, or wallet tethers not normally considered jewelry.
11. Skirts, shorts and dresses must be an acceptable length ( no more than 4 inches above the knee cap)
12. Body piercing with connections, i.e. ear-to-nose chains.
13. Any attire which presents a potential danger to self or others such as bracelets or necklaces with spikes.
14. During gym class, all jewelry and anything else that the physical education teacher feels could be a potential safety hazard must be removed. Visible body or facial piercings are considered jewelry. Visible piercings which cannot or are not removed must be covered with a bandaid or athletic taped and taped to the skin. Students who do not remove jewelry or tape

visible piercings will be considered unprepared for activity that day and lose points off their grade.

15. Prescription sunglasses, non-prescription sunglasses, glazed and tinted glasses are not to be worn in the school building except as prescribed by the student's doctor.
16. Footwear must be worn at all times.
17. ~~Wearing of headbands is prohibited. Hairbands can be no more than 2" in width.~~ For safety and security reasons, hoods are not permitted in school district buildings. Hats may be worn as long as the hat does not interfere with the education of others, does not cause a disruption to the school and follows the same guidelines as outlined in B. #1. Hats that conceal a student's face will not be permitted. Exceptions for medical and/or religious reasons must be referred to the building Principal.
18. Valuables must be placed in secured lockers or in the possession of the classroom teacher.

NOTE: Any articles which are deemed by the administration as distracting or disruptive to the educational process, will be deemed unacceptable and will not be permitted.

#### D. Enforcement

1. Teaching staff members will report perceived violations of the dress code to the Building Principal or designee, who will interpret and apply the code.
2. Pupils who publicly represent the school or a school organization at an activity away from the school district are required to dress in full accordance with the reasonable expectations of the staff member in charge of the activity. Pupils unwilling to comply with this requirement will disqualify themselves from participation.
3. Pupils will not be permitted to attend a school-related function, such as a field trip, after-school activity unless they are attired and groomed in accordance with this dress code and the reasonable expectations of the staff member in charge.

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4. The Principal may waive application of the dress code for special school activity days
5. A pupil whose dress or grooming has been found by the Principal or designee to violate this Regulation may appeal the determination to the Superintendent.

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