

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education recognizes that each pupil's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the pupil's personal style and individual preferences. The Board will impose its judgment on pupils and parents only when a pupil's dress and grooming affect the educational program of the schools.

Pupils may not wear clothing or engage in grooming practices that present a health or safety hazard to the individual pupil or to others; materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program; cause excessive wear or damage to school property; or prevent the pupil from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement. The building principal shall determine whether the dress or grooming of pupils comes within these prohibitions.

The Superintendent shall, in consultation with staff members, pupils, and parents, prepare student-dress guidelines that impose only minimum and necessary limitations on a pupil's taste and individuality. The guidelines shall be updated periodically.

The Superintendent shall require the wearing in physical education classes of such clothing as may be appropriate to the pupil's participation in physical activity and necessary for the protection of the school's premises, both indoor and outdoor, dedicated to the use of physical education classes. Pupils at the middle school who have engaged in strenuous physical activities shall be strongly encouraged to take-showers before they return to the classroom.

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