

Student Dress

Our students originate from many different social, economic, racial, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. They attend public schools to learn – not only academic and technical subjects, but tolerance and respect, as well. Respectful dress standards are based upon both the school's desire to enhance the learning process and the student's need to develop respect for others.

The Board recognizes that student individual dress is primarily a parental responsibility that should reflect concern for health and safety of students, staff and others. When the dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or substantial disturbance, the principal shall take appropriate action to correct the situation

Teachers, administrators, and other school personnel – both in their classes and on campus – will share the responsibility of enforcing the student dress code policy. Teachers shall follow building procedure for disciplinary referrals regarding dress code violations.

Students shall dress in a respectful manner, in order to:

- Promote the health, safety and dignity of all students;
- Help preserve school property (beyond normal wear and tear);
- Strike a balance between absolute freedom of expression and the community's sense of morality (common courtesy, tolerance, respect, and understanding among all people, without exception);
- Discourage disruptions to the teaching and learning process.

Students who violate this policy will be given an opportunity to correct the situation by either changing the clothing, removing the clothing (if appropriate), wearing it inside-out, or other means as determined by the principal so the student is in compliance with this policy. Students who repeatedly violate this policy may face more severe punishment, including detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.