

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents and guardians to make decisions regarding the students' appearance, except when their choices affect the school's educational program.

Student dress should not interfere with the learning climate or violate good safety and health practices. Those students not meeting this standard, in the administration's judgment, will have their parents or guardians contacted.

Appropriate Dress

School regulations as to dress are based on common sense and pride in personal appearance. This positive approach is frequently transferred into good attitudes and habits in school.

Safety and common sense should be used as a guideline by parents and guardians. Extreme fads or trends in clothing that could distract students should be discouraged. Questions concerning appropriate attire should be addressed to the Building Principal.

Each Principal shall enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices that:

- A. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself or herself or to others in the school;
- B. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. Prevent the student from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Dress Code Guidelines for Students shall be provided for students and parents in each school's Code of Conduct and the Handbook.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1; 18A:11-7; 18A:11-8; 18A:11-9

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