

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

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

Students may not wear clothing or engage in grooming practices that present a health or safety hazard to the individual students 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 student from achieving his or her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

The Board of Education prohibits students from wearing, while on school property, any type of clothing, apparel or accessory which indicates that the student has membership in, or affiliation with, any gang associated with criminal activities. The local law enforcement agency will advise the Board, upon request, of gangs which are associated with criminal activities.

The building principal or designee shall determine whether the dress or grooming of students comes within these prohibitions.

Staff members shall demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.

The Superintendent shall, on consultation with staff members, students, and parents, prepare a dress code that imposes only minimum and necessary limitations on a student's taste and individuality.

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18A:11-9

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