

# REGULATION

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## **R 5511 – DRESS CODE**

The following dress code has been developed in accordance with Policy No. 5511.

### **A. General Rules**

1. Students are expected to be clean and well groomed in their appearance.
2. Students 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 student or of other students or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated.

### **B. Prohibited Clothing and Articles**

The following garments and articles are prohibited in school and at school-sponsored indoor events:

1. Extremely low-cut, tight fitting or transparent clothes, bare midriffs, and suggestive clothing;
2. Outdoor jackets, coats, or hats except when entering or leaving the building and when there is a defect in the heating system;
3. Bare feet, unsafe footwear, footwear without a back, and footwear intended for the beach;
4. Patches and decorations that are offensive or obscene;
5. Undershirts (underwear) worn without an outer shirt;
6. Clothing that is overly soiled, torn, worn, or defaced;
7. Nonprescription sunglasses, glazed, and tinted glasses, except as prescribed by the student's doctor;



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8. Clothing, apparel and/or accessories which indicate affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activity or have references to alcohol, controlled dangerous substances, or tobacco;
  9. Clothing containing profanity or sexual references or innuendoes;
  10. Clothing which includes racial or ethnic violence;
  11. Hats, hoods, visors, headbands and other headgear; and
  12. Any clothing that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.
- C. Physical Education
1. Students shall wear the following types of clothing for physical education classes:
    - a. Athletic style shorts and/or sweatpants.
    - b. A shirt for indoor activities and a sweatshirt or appropriate outerwear for outdoor activities in cool weather.]
  2. Snug belts, cut-offs, jeans, loose jewelry, and dirty or torn clothing and accessories are prohibited.
  3. Students must wear sneakers or rubber-soled athletic shoes; slip-on shoes, hard-soled shoes, and bare feet are prohibited in gym class.
- D. Enforcement
1. Teaching staff members will report perceived violations of the dress code to the Principal or designee, who will interpret and apply the code.
  2. Students 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. Students unwilling to comply with this requirement will disqualify themselves from participation.



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3. Students 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.
4. The Principal may waive application of the dress code for special school activity days.
5. A student 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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