

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Board of Education recognizes the value of allowing individual student expression, however the Board of Education expects student dress and grooming to be neat, clean and in good taste, so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the school district. Student dress code procedures must be designed with the goal of balancing these competing interests.

All dress code procedures will adhere to health and safety codes and comply with applicable law. Dress that materially disrupts the educational environment will be prohibited. No procedure will impose dress and grooming rules based on gender in violation of Title IX. District procedures will specifically define ambiguous terms, and examples will be provided when practical.

Student dress and grooming will be the responsibility of the individual and parents/guardians and will not disrupt the teaching/learning process or cause undue attention to an individual student.

When, in the judgment of the principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process, or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: EBBA, Illness and Injury Response and Prevention
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics

Legal Refs: § 167.166, RSMo.
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Comm. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
Bishop v. Colaw, 450 F.2d 1069 (8th Cir. 1971)
Stephenson v. Davenport Comm. Sch. Dist., 110 F.3d 1303 (8th Cir. 1997)
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1992, 20 U.S.C. § 1681

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