

# WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

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221. DRESS AND GROOMING	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 12.11	<p>The Board requires that all students wear appropriate and respectable dress while attending school. It is also necessary that students dress appropriately and respectably when attending or participating in any school sponsored activity.</p> <p>Clothing and accessories shall conform to the boundaries of decency as defined by the community's standard, shall not be disruptive to the educational process, nor considered a health or safety risk. This does not pertain to reasonable guidelines instituted by a coach or sponsor of an activity.</p>
SC 1317.3	The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school.
Title 22 Sec. 12.11	Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop procedures and guidelines prohibiting student dress or grooming practices that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school.</li> <li>2. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.</li> <li>3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.</li> <li>4. Prevent the student from achieving educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.</li> </ol>

<p>Pol. 325, 425, 525</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>The administration and staff in each school shall be responsible for following the guidelines of this policy. The cooperation of the entire staff is essential in the implementation of this policy.</p> <p>Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children conform to the dress code policy.</p> <p>Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example positive attitudes towards neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.</p> <p><u>General Guidelines</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shirts, tee-shirts or patches with written and/or pictured references to drugs, alcohol, sex, tobacco products, or suicide are unacceptable. This shall include clothing with vulgar language, double meanings, or disrespectful references to individuals, groups of individuals, religion, race, or ethnic origin.</li> <li>2. Half or cut-off shirts, halter tops, mesh or see through clothing, or any clothing which exposes bare midriff on any student are unacceptable.</li> <li>3. Tank tops are unacceptable unless worn under an acceptable style of dress. A tank top is defined as a sleeveless shirt with shoulder straps that are 2" or less in width. Blouses or shirts are also prohibited from being low cut in such a manner as to inappropriately expose a student's chest.</li> <li>4. Dresses, skirts, shorts, or any attire that is either shorter than finger tip in length when a student rests his/her arms at his/her side in a normal position or halfway between the knee and waist are unacceptable, as determined by the building principal or designee.</li> <li>5. Bedroom slippers and cleats are not allowed as footwear.</li> <li>6. Spandex, tights, tube tops, or other skin tight clothing of any type unless worn under an acceptable style of dress are prohibited.</li> <li>7. Clothing that is worn in such a manner to expose underwear is unacceptable.</li> </ol>
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8. Clothing with sharp spikes, protrusions, or metal pieces is unacceptable. Students are also prohibited from wearing safety pins, chains attached to clothing, and choke collars.
9. The wearing of hats or bandannas is prohibited inside the school building unless approved by the building principal or designee.
10. Make-up or body paint that detracts from the educational environment and/or jeopardizes the health and safety of students or others is prohibited. This decision will be at the discretion of the administration.
11. Additional items of clothing, apparel, or body decoration that detracts from the educational environment and/or jeopardizes the health and safety of students is prohibited.

Consequences

Sanctions for violating this policy shall begin with the changing of the inappropriate clothing and proceed to consequences including after-school detention and suspension for repeat or serious infractions of this policy.