

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 to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish such grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide an environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. 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/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Such guidelines shall establish the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the District at a public event.

The Administration shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy which:

- A. designate the principal or his/her designee as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. invite the participation of Shared Involvement Process (SIP) teams in the preparation of a dress code which may specify prescribed dress and grooming practices, but may not amplify the rationale for prohibition established by Board policy;

- C. instruct staff members to demonstrate, by example and precept, personal neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance;

Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and may be subject to the Code of Conduct.

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