

A. General

1. The requirements for student dress and grooming include:
 - a. Decency;
 - b. Neatness;
 - c. Cleanliness;
 - d. Safety; and
 - e. Suitability for school.
2. In the absence of the necessary written documentation, exceptions will not be granted and any violations of the dress code will lead to disciplinary action consistent with standards set forth by the district's attendance and disciplinary handbook for a dress code violation. Repeated violations will be treated as insubordination and disciplined as such.
3. Student dress and/or grooming which poses a health or safety issue for the individual student, or for other students, or for staff, is strictly prohibited.
4. Strictly prohibited is student dress and/or grooming which is or has the potential to be disruptive to the educational process.
5. Students may not wear clothing, at any time that has words, expressions, slogans, symbols, or graphics that are:
 - Profane;
 - Obscene;
 - Suggestive;
 - Defamatory;
 - Demeaning; or which references
 - Alcohol;
 - Drugs;
 - Tobacco;
 - Sex; or
 - Promotes hate and/or violence and/or a gang affiliation such as, but not limited to bandanas, and clothing or accessories of particular color.
6. It is acceptable for students to wear clothing with authorized school or Seaford School District names, logos, or team/spirit-related apparel. Student dress must still meet basic standards for decency, neatness, cleanliness, safety, and suitability and requirements for fit and appropriateness will still be enforced.
7. **Outerwear**

Coats, outerwear vests, knit caps, gloves, and scarves are not permitted during the school day. These items must be secured in the classroom or, where available, the student's locker prior to the beginning of the academic day and remain there until the end of the day unless the students are going to be outside at which time the retrieval of these items is at the discretion of the adult in charge. However, if the classroom temperature is particularly low due to unforeseen circumstances, the teacher and administrator can agree to allow students to wear coats the affected classroom.
8. **Head Coverings/Hair Accessories**
 - a. Head coverings including hoods, bandanas worn as headbands, hats, and caps are not permitted at any time.
 - b. Combs, hair picks, curlers, and other accessory items that may cause a safety hazard or otherwise be disruptive to the educational process are not permitted at any time.
9. **Book bags (Secondary Level)**

Students may wear backpacks, carry book bags, tote bags, or purses that are large enough to carry textbooks during the school day. Rolling book bags are not permitted.
10. Enforcement of the student dress code by the staff is to be consistent and as objective as possible. The principal shall be ultimately responsible for determining whether a student's dress meets the requirements set forth in this regulation and may need to make exceptions for special circumstances (e.g., orthopedically handicapped students, or for documented medical reasons). Teachers shall be made aware of any long-term exceptions and will otherwise enforce the dress code with all students at all times.

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B. The Dress Code

1. Upper Body Garments

- a. No skin or undergarments are to be visible at any time between the waistband of the pants and the bottom of the shirt/blouse.
- b. Anything designated as an undergarment is not to be visible.

2. Lower Body Garments

- a. All pants must be worn at the natural waist level. A belt must be worn if pants or shorts do not stay at the natural waist.
- b. Pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, or skorts are acceptable if they are respectable and, as appropriate, modest in length.
- c. Pajama-style clothing is not acceptable.

3. Footwear

- a. All footwear must be securely fastened (e.g., for shoes with laces, the laces must be tied in the manner that they were designed to be tied, etc.)
- b. Flip-flops, slides, shoes with heels exceeding 2 inches in height, and slippers are not acceptable.

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