

## 5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

It is the purpose of the dress code to promulgate a positive self-image and pride in school among our pupils. Health, safety and educational well-being are the primary objectives of this code, which bears a reasonable relationship to the goal of fostering an environment conducive to discipline and to education. Pupils are expected to attend school neatly attired.

The following dress code will be followed by all students in Grades K - 12

Solid Navy blue shirt, Solid gold-colored shirt, or Solid White shirt with collar must be worn each school day unless otherwise directed. A Navy blue, gold, or white hoodless sweater or hoodless sweatshirt may be worn in addition to a long or short sleeve shirt.

1. Long or short-sleeve shirt. (Must not be tight, form fitting, or oversized; white tee-shirts and shirts with print are not permitted) Belleville spirit/pride wear and/or Belleville Logo may be worn. Students who choose to wear a long sleeve shirt under a short sleeve shirt must do so in matching colors (e.g. blue short sleeve shirt over a blue long sleeve shirt).

Pant/Short bottoms or dress skirts (all bottoms are khaki (tan) or blue) must be neat and appropriate.

1. The style of the pants is a comfortable, cotton, straight-legged, stain-resistant and wrinkle-free pant that is appropriate for all school activities. No sweatpants, jeans, or leggings permitted (leggings are permitted under a skirt only). Sweatpants can be worn only in elementary school during gym days.

### Footwear

1. All shoes and sneakers must cover the entire foot.
2. Footwear with laces must be tied.
3. No open-toed shoes/sandals permitted.



## Spirit Days and Activities

All schools in the Belleville School District will participate in "Spirit Days." These designated days must be approved by the Office of the Superintendent utilizing the designated "Spirit Day" form. Halloween has always been and will continue to be celebrated by the pupils of all Belleville Schools; however, the middle and high school pupils will be informed of restrictions regarding their chosen Halloween attire. Pupils who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization including Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or equivalent, will be permitted to wear organization uniforms on the days their organization has scheduled a meeting or event.

## Inappropriate Attire - All Schools

The following are considered inappropriate school attire and will not be allowed in school:

1. Very tight or revealing clothing that inhibits movement and/or causes a classroom distraction;
2. Clothing that is torn, with holes and/or soiled;
3. open-toe shoes and flip-flops;
4. For safety purposes, clothing with a "hood" may not be worn.

The Building Principal(s) will determine non-compliance to the uniform/dress code and/or inappropriate dress with the pupil and parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The administration reserves the right to deem student dress in violation of this policy should the dress be inappropriate in nature; disruptive to the educational process; and/or a health and safety concern to the individual pupil him/herself or others.

All building administrator(s) will address violations of the dress code with the pupil and parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Reasonable attempts will be made to correct any dress code violation(s) prior to withholding the pupil from walking the hallways and/or attending classes. Schoolwork missed due to time spent rectifying dress code violation(s) will be the responsibility of the pupil.

Pupils who are found to be non-compliant with the dress code policy will receive the following disciplinary actions (clothing must be changed with each infraction so that student is in compliance with the policy before returning to class):

1st infraction of dress code policy: Verbal reprimand



2nd infraction of dress code policy: Central Detention

3rd infraction of dress code policy: In-School Suspension

4th+ infraction of dress code policy: 1 Day Out-of-School Suspension

## Appeals Procedure

The building administrator(s) will determine inappropriate dress. A Dress Code Appeals Committee, comprised of parent(s) or legal guardian(s), faculty, pupils, and administrative representatives, will convene when needed for the purpose of reviewing specific garments presented by pupils for approval as appropriate school attire. However, administrative decisions will prevail pending an Appeals Committee ruling. Notification of scheduled appeals hearings will be made.

## Superintendent

The Superintendent has the authority to grant uniform exceptions or exemption to specific buildings, grades, or groups. When pupils are exempt from wearing uniforms they must be in compliance with "Dress Code" and not violate the "Inappropriate Attire" portion of the Pupil Dress Code Policy.

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Adopted:

