

DRESS AND GROOMING

In most disputed cases concerning dress, the judgment of the school principal shall apply. In interpreting the policy, the principal will allow a reasonable expression of individual taste, but he/she is expected to place the safety of the student and the instructional environment of the school above any specific style, fashion, fad or trend. In making judgments, the principal will need to consider dress and grooming in relation to the student, the kind of activity, the time and the location.

Students who are in violation of these rules and regulations may be disciplined in the usual ways, including suspension. Parents shall be notified of the infraction and the discipline assigned. Students have the right to appeal through due process procedures.

In the interpretation of policy, principals may be guided by these specific examples:

1. Students who engage in contact sports may not wear any kind of jewelry because of possible injury.
2. Appropriate footwear will be worn at all times.
3. Shirts or other clothing which contains sexual innuendoes, slogans or advertisements that refer to drugs or alcohol may not be worn.
4. Clothing which identifies students with gangs, groups or organizations which would be divisive or insulting may not be worn.
5. Any clothing which creates a safety hazard to the student or others may not be worn.
6. Jewelry, accessories or adornments which create a safety hazard, or which are noisy or disruptive, may not be worn.